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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
Of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA,
AT TWO
ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS
HELD AT THE CITY OF OTTAWA,
ALSO AT ITS
Twelfth Annual Communication,
HELD AT THE
CITY OF KINGSTON, ONTARIO,
On the 10th day of JULY, A. L., 5867, A. D., 1867.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

W. MERCER WILSON, SIMCOE, ONTARIO,
GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, ONTARIO,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

Of an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the City of Ottawa, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of October, A. D., 1866, A. L., 5866.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. Bro. | T. D. Harington, | P. G. M., | as | Grand Master. |
| R. " " | J. H. Rowan, | P.D.D.G.M., | as | Deputy G. Master. |
| V. " " | W. C. Clarke, | Grand Sword | } | Grand Sen. Warden. |
| | Bearer, | W. M. No. 138, | | |
| " " | J. P. Featherston, | W. M. | } | " Junior " |
| | No. 58, | as | | |
| " " | Rev. T. B. Jones, | Chaplain | } | " Chaplain. |
| | No. 148, | as | | |
| " " | W. R. Thistle, | W. M., No. | } | " Treasurer. |
| | 59, | as | | |
| " " | S. Rogers, | W. M., No. 177, | as | " Registrar. |
| V. " " | G. C. Reiffenstein, | Past G. | } | " Secretary. |
| | Steward, | Sec. No. 148, | | |
| " " | F. D. Tims, | W. M. No. 571, | } | " Senior Deacon. |
| | R. E., | as | | |
| " " | J. Aylen, | S. W. No. 138, | as | " Junior " |
| " " | —Merrill, | | as | " Sup't of Works. |
| " " | W. Ebbs, | No. 148, | as | " Dir. of Cer. |
| " " | J. H. Garrett, | " | as | " Asst. do. |
| " " | A. Cambie, | " | as | { " Sword Bearer. " Pursuivant. |
| " " | J. Sweetman, | | as | |
| Six Master Masons of the several | | | } | " Stewards. |
| Lodges present, | | | | |

AND

About 150 Brethren hailing from Lodges Nos. 58, 59, 138, 148 and 177, and Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571, R. E.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, being opened in the 1st Degree, the M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P. G. M., entered, and was received with the usual honors. He then assumed the Master's chair, and read the Dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master, authorizing him to hold an especial Grand Lodge, and act as his representative, for the purpose of laying the *corner stone of St. James' Church, Hull, C. E.*

The Grand Lodge was then opened in *due form*, and a procession formed in the following order, viz :

Tyler, with drawn Sword.

Brethren not members of Lodges, two and two.

Builders' Lodge, No. 177.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 59.

Doric Lodge, No. 58.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571, E. R.

Aylmer Lodge, No. 138.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148.

Cornucopia, &c.

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| Steward. | { | Corn, Wine and Oil, Borne by Masters of Lodges or Past Masters. | } | Steward. |
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Grand Lodge Officers, *pro tem.*

Corinthian Light, borne by a Master Mason.

Grand Junior Warden, with Plumb Rule.

Doric Light, borne by a Master Mason.

Grand Senior Warden, with Level.

Grand Junior Deacon.

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| Steward. | { | Grand Chaplain, With Bible on a Cushion. | } | Steward. |
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Deputy Grand Master, with Square.

Ionic Light, borne by a Master Mason.

Grand Sword Bearer.

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| Steward. | { | Acting Grand Master, Grand Senior Deacon. | } | Steward. |
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Grand Tyler.

On arriving at the ground, the Brethren were met and conducted to the edifice by the Rev. J. Johnston, Incum-

bent, and the Reverends J. S. Lauder and Nesbitt, and the ceremony was commenced by singing the 100th Psalm, and then reading second Chronicles, Chap. II. "And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his Kingdom."

Thos. Douglas Harington, Esq., P. G. M. Grand Lodge of Canada, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Men, women and children here assembled to-day, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and established of old, with peace and honor in most countries, to do good to our brethren, to assist in the erection of buildings, and to fear God, who is the great Architect of all things.

To-day we are here assembled, by request, to assist in the interesting ceremony of laying with appropriate forms, and according to the ancient custom, the *foundation stone* of this new Church, proposed to be erected to replace the one so unfortunately destroyed by fire, and we pray God to prosper the undertaking, if it seem good to him, that it may become a building for good men and good deeds, and the promotion of religious ceremony and brotherly love, till the world itself shall end.

The Grand Chaplain was called upon to implore a blessing from Heaven on the undertaking.

THE BLESSING.

Great Architect of the Universe, maker and ruler of all the worlds, deign from thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly pray thee to give us at this and at all times wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, oh! thou author of light and life, great source of love and happiness, to erect this building, so that hereafter it may be useful and blessed for the all-important purposes for which it is intended, and the promotion of thy glory.

The brethren responding—glory to God in the highest, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Acting Grand Secretary then read the inscription, as follows :

INSCRIPTION.

By the favor of Almighty God,

On the Twenty-fifth day of October, A. D., 1866,

Of the era of Freemasonry, 5866,

And in the 30th year of the Reign of our beloved Sovereign,

Queen Victoria,

The Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, VISCOUNT MONCK,

Baron Monck, &c., &c., &c.,

Being Governor General of British North America.

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Esq., M. W. Grand Master,

AND

The Reverend John Johnston, *Incumbent.*

Edward Haycock, Senr., } *Churchwardens.*

George J. Marston, }

Thomas Fuller, *Architect.*

Charles Thomas, *Contractor.*

The Corner Stone of this St. James' Church

was laid by

Most Worshipful THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

Past Grand Master,

attended and assisted by an especial

Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada, and various Lodges and

Brethren,

Whom may God prosper.

LIST OF LODGES.

Aylmer Lodge, No. 138, Aylmer, C. E.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, C. W.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 59, "

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, "

Builders' Lodge, No. 177, "

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571, R. E. "

A bottle containing some coins, the above inscription and other documents connected with the erection of the building, were then deposited in the cavity, as also a copy of the daily newspapers. The Revd. Incumbent here presented, with appropriate remarks, a beautiful *Silver Trowel* to the M. W. Acting Grand Master, bearing the following inscription :

"Presented to Thomas Douglas Harington, Esq., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada, by the Incumbent and Churchwardens, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of St. James' Church, Hull, C. E., October 25th; A. D. 1866, A. L. 5866."

After receiving the trowel, the Acting G. M., standing in the east, having on his right hand the Deputy G. M., and the Grand Wardens on the left, assisted by the contractor, spread the cement, and the upper stone was lowered by three regular stops, after which the Grand Junior Warden applied the plumb, the Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Deputy Grand Master the square.

Acting G. M.—Brother Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office ?

G. J. W.—The plumb rule.

A. G. M.—Have you applied the plumb rule to the edges of the stone ?

G. J. W.—I have, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

The same questions as to level and square with a like response were then put to and given by the Grand Senior Warden and D. G. Master.

A. G. M.—Brethren, having full confidence in your skill, in our royal art, as the representative of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, it now remains with me to finish our work. (Three knocks were then given with the gavel.) *Well formed, and truly laid*, and may this undertaking

be conducted and completed by the craftsmen according to the Grand plan, in Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love.

The Acting Grand Master then poured upon the stone, corn, wine, and oil, the Grand Chaplain pronouncing the

BENEDICTION.

“May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men throughout the world, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this undertaking and all connected with it.”

The implements and plan of the building were then handed over to the Architect, to whom the Acting Grand Master said: “BROTHER ARCHITECT—The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you with the implements applied to it, as also the plan, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order, harmony and beauty, and being perfected in strength, may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and the honor of those who have selected you.”

After placing upon the stone some coin for the benefit of the workmen, by the Grand Treasurer, the A. G. M. addressed the Incumbent.—“Rev’d Sir, having completed our work according to the ancient usages of Freemasonry, we offer you our congratulations, and transfer the building to you in order that, as it has happily begun, it may be carried on by God’s good will to a happy completion.”

The ceremony being concluded, the procession was reformed and returned to the Lodge Room, and all business being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in *due form*, and with solemn prayer.

T. D. HARINGTON,
P. G. M., &c.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the City of Ottawa, on Thursday, the 9th May, A. L., 5867, A. D., 1867.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. Bro. | T. D. Harington, | P. G. M., | as Grand Master. |
| R. W. Bro. | J. H. Rowan, | P. D. D. G. M., | as D. G. Master. |
| " " | J. H. Kirby, | P. M., No. 58, | as Grand Sen. Warden. |
| " " | F. D. Tims, | W. M. No. 571, | } as " Jun. " |
| | R. E., | | |
| " " | Rev. T. B. Jones, | M. A., | } as " Chaplain. |
| | No. 148, | | |
| " " | A. G. Macdonell, | W. M., | } as " Registrar. |
| | No. 142, | | |
| V. " | G. C. Reiffenstein, | No. 148, | as " Secretary. |
| " " | E. C. Barber, | W. M., No. 59, | as " Sen. Deacon. |
| " " | S. Rogers, | W. M., No. 177, | as " Jun. " |
| " " | E. P. Remon, | No. 59, | as " Supt. Works. |
| " " | J. W. Harper, | No. 148, | as " Dir. Cer. |
| " " | Henry Grist, | P. M., No. 59, | as " S'd Bearer. |
| " " | W. Hay, | No. 571, R. E., | as Asst. " Dir. of Cer. |
| " " | D. P. Williams, | No. 58, | as " Organist. |
| " " | J. M. Currier, | No. 177, | as " Pursuivant. |
| " " | J. Sweetman, | No. 59, | } as " Tylers. |
| " " | J. McCarthy, | No. 58, | |

Bro. P. S. Hill, No. 148,

“ Jas. Salmon, No. 177,

“ H. F. McCarthy, No. 571,
R. E.,

“ J. F. Wolff, No. 148,

“ E. Bearman, No. 58,

“ A. Burritt, No. 59,

as Grand Stewards.

AND

The Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren, and Visitors from various Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *due form*.

The Acting Grand Master stated that the Especial Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of laying the *corner stone of “St. Alban’s Church”* in this city, and the *Dispensation* from the *M. W. the Grand Master*, authorizing the performance of this ceremony, was read.

The usual *Masonic Procession* was then formed, and proceeded to the site of the proposed Edifice; and, after the reading of certain appropriate passages from the Holy Bible by the clergymen present, and singing a Psalm, the Acting Grand Master addressed those present as follows:

“Men, Women and Children, here assembled to day, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and established of old, with peace and honor in most countries, to do good to our Brethren and fellow-creatures—to assist in the erection of buildings—and to fear God, who is the Great Architect of all things. We have, indeed, certain secrets not to be revealed; but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and unless our craft were good and our calling honest, we should not have existed for so many centuries, or have had so many illustrious men ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity. We know that our ancient Order is founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, and that it inculcates the steady carrying out of those golden precepts—“*Do unto others as you would they should do unto you,*”—and “*Love your neighbor as yourself;*” and that it also

teaches and calls upon its members to practice that "charity" of *tongue* as well as *heart* that would rather veil than blazon the errors of others—the charity that, as our first Great Light, the Bible, declares, "*thinketh no evil and never faileth*," and without which, though a man give all his goods and money to the poor, his work is as "*nothing*." In all ages, Masons have borne their part in the erection of stately and other edifices, but in none do they take so much hearty interest as in those intended for the public worship of God, the promulgation of his wise, beneficent and just laws and commands, and the making known his most inexhaustible mercies. To operative Masons, the Corner or Foundation Stone of every building is of primary importance; and as Freemasons, we call the attention of every newly-made Brother to its symbolical significance, and tell him that on his admittance he figuratively represents that stone, and that we trust he will, on the *foundation* then and there laid, raise a *superstructure* perfect in all its parts, honorable to our ancient institution, and creditable to himself. To-day we are here assembled, by request, to assist in the interesting ceremony of laying, with appropriate forms, and according to the ancient custom, the Foundation or Corner Stone of this new Church, proposed to be erected not only as a seemly ornament to, but to meet the existing great want of religious accommodation in your thriving and important city; and, while admiring the energy of its promoters, we pray God to prosper this undertaking if it seem good to him, that it may become a building for good men and good deeds, and the promotion of religious harmony and brotherly love till the world shall come to an end."

General response—"So mote it be!"

GRAND MASTER.—Our reverend Chaplain will now implore a blessing from Heaven on the undertaking.

The Acting Chaplain then offered up the following prayer:

"Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all the Worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Throne and Temple, from Realms of Light and Glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly pray Thee to give us at this

and at all times, *wisdom* in all our doings, *strength of mind* in all our difficulties, and the *beauty of harmony* in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, Great Source of Love and Happiness, to erect this Building, so that hereafter it may be useful and blessed for the all-important purposes for which it is intended, and the promotion of Thy glory. Glory to God in the highest."

General response—"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen!"

The Secretary (Bro. G. C. Reiffenstein) then read the Inscription, as follows:

By the favor of Almighty God,

On the ninth day of May, A. D., 1867,

Of the era of Freemasonry, A. L., 5867,

And in the 30th year of the Reign of our beloved Sovereign,

Queen Victoria,

The Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, VISCOUNT MONCK,

Baron Monck, &c., &c.,

Being Governor General of the Provinces of British North America,
about to become the Dominion of Canada,

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, ESQUIRE, LL. D.,

Being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada.

The Rev. Thomas Bedford Jones, M. A., LL.D., Incumbent,

The Venerable Henry Patten, D. C. L.,

Archdeacon of the Diocese of Ontario,

Norris Godard, }
Thomas Starmer, } *Churchwardens.*

King Arnoldi, *Architect.*

Thomas Painter, }
George Taylor, } *Contractors and Builders.*

The Corner Stone of this St. Alban's Church

was laid by

The Most Worshipful THOMAS DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,

Past Grand Master,

assisted and attended by an especial

Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada, and various Lodges and

Brethren,

Whom may God prosper.

LIST OF LODGES HELD IN OTTAWA.

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| Doric Lodge,..... | No. 58, |
| Corinthian Lodge,..... | " 59, |
| Civil Service Lodge,..... | " 148, |
| The Builders' Lodge,..... | " 177, |
| Dalhousie Lodge,..... | " 571, R. E. |

By Order,

GEO. C. REIFFENSTEIN,

Acting Grand Secretary.

The inscription, with a number of coins, newspapers, &c., were then deposited in a suitable bottle, which was placed in an opening in the stone reserved for the purpose.

A very handsome gavel, purchased from the establishment of Messrs. Young and Radford, was then handed to the Grand Master, who stood in the east, with the Acting Deputy Grand Master on his right hand and the Wardens in the west. The cement having been spread on the lower stone, the upper stone was slowly lowered into its position by three regular stops. The Junior Warden having applied the plumb rule, the Senior Warden the level, and the Deputy Grand Master the square, the Grand Master, addressing the Junior Warden, said: Bro. Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?

G. J. W.—The plumb rule.

G. M.—Have you applied the plumb rule to the edges of the stone?

G. J. W.—I have, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

Grand Master, now addressing the Senior Warden,—Bro. Grand Senior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?

G. S. W.—The level.

G. M.—Have you applied the level to the top of the stone?

G. S. W.—I have, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

Grand Master, addressing his Deputy,—Bro. Deputy, what is the proper jewel of your office ?

D. G. M.—The square.

G. M.—Have you applied the square to those parts of the stone that should be square ?

D. G. M.—I have, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

The Acting Grand Master,—Then brethren, having full confidence in your skill in our Royal Art, it remains with me, as the representative of our M. W. Brother, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, now to finish our work. (He here gave three knocks with the gavel, and added, *well formed and truly laid.*) And may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen according to the grand plan, in Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love.

Corn, Wine and Oil were then handed to the Grand Master by the Deputy, and poured each upon the stone.

The Chaplain then pronounced the following

BENEDICTION.

“May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men throughout the world, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it.”

General response—“So mote it be. Amen.”

The Grand Master then handed the implements and plans to the Architect, saying: “The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you the *implements* applied to it, and also the *plan*, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such

a manner that this building may rise in order, harmony and beauty ; and being perfected in strength, that it may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit, and the satisfaction and honor of those who have selected you for the work."

The Grand Master, addressing the Incumbent, said: "Rev. Sir, having completed our work according to the ancient usages of Freemasonry, we offer you our congratulations, and transfer the building to you for completion, having no doubt that as it has happily been begun, it will be carried on by God's will to a happy ending."

The Clergy present then offered up some further prayers, and after a Psalm by the congregation, the Masonic procession was reformed, and returned to the Lodge room.

The Grand Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

T. D. HARINGTON,

P. G. M., &c., &c

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the St. George's Hall, at the City of Kingston, on the 10th, 11th and 12th days of July, A. L., 5867, A. D., 1867.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R. W. Bro. Alex. A. Stevenson, Deputy Grand Master.

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| " | " | " | John Kerr, | Grand Senior Warden. |
| " | " | " | Isaac H. Stearns, | " Junior " |
| " | " | " | Rev. Vincent Clementi, | " Chaplain. |
| " | " | " | Frank C. Draper, | " Registrar. |
| " | " | " | Thomas Bird Harris, | " Secretary. |
| V. | " | " | John E. Brooke, | " Senior Deacon. |
| " | " | " | W. W. Pringle, | " Junior " |
| " | " | " | E. M. Copeland, | " Superinten't of Works. |
| " | " | " | John K. Clare, | " Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | " | " | John W. Fergusson, Asst. | " Secretary. |
| " | " | " | John Wilson, Assistant | " Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | " | " | John Clark, | as " Sword Bearer. |
| " | " | " | Thomas Matheson, | " Organist. |
| " | " | " | E. McKay, as Asst. | " Organist. |
| " | " | " | Stanislaus H. Blondheim, | " Pursuivant. |
| " | " | " | Thomas Graham, | as " Tyler. |
| " | " | " | F. F. McArthur, | } Grand Stewards. |
| " | " | " | John Segsworth, | |
| " | " | " | John King, | |
| " | " | " | Thomas Winter, | |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Bro. | F. Westlake, | London District. |
| " " " | Charles Kahn, | Huron " |
| " " " | James Seymour, | Hamilton " |
| " " " | A. DeGrassi, | Toronto " |
| " " " | Donald Fraser, | Prince Edward District. |
| " " " | John H. Graham, | Eastern Townships " |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| M. W. Bro. | Wm. M. Wilson, | Representative of Grand Lodge of Illinois, the Grand Orients of Cuba and St. Domingo. |
| " " " | A. Bernard, | Representative of Grand Lodge of Vermont. |
| " " " | T. Douglas Harington, | Representative of Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. |
| R. " " | Thomas B. Harris, | Representative of Grand Orient of Portugal, and the Grand Lodge of Kansas. |
| " " " | John H. Graham, | Representative of Grand Lodge of Maine. |
| " " " | Thomas Drummond, | Representative of Grand Lodge of Scotland. |
| " " " | A. A. Stevenson, | Representative of Grand Orient of Brazil. |

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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| M. W. Bro. | T. Douglas Harington, | P.G.M. |
| " " " | A. Bernard, | P.G.M. |
| " " " | W. B. Simpson, | P.G.M. |
| R. " " | James Moffat, | P.D.D.G.M. |
| " " " | Æmilius Irving, | P.D.D.G.M. |
| " " " | George W. Whitehead, | P.D.D.G.M. |
| " " " | John V. Noel, | P.D.D.G.M. |
| " " " | L. H. Henderson, | P.D.D.G.M. |
| " " " | A. G. Macdonell, | P.D.D.G.M. |
| " " " | James A. Henderson, | P.G.S.W. |
| " " " | S. D. Fowler, | P.G.S.W. |
| " " " | Henry Macpherson, | P.G.S.W. |
| " " " | Alexander S. Kirkpatrick, | P.G.S.W. |
| " " " | John Renshaw, | P.G.J.W. |

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| R. W. Bro. | Christopher W. Bunting. | P.G.S.D. |
| V. " " | John Paterson, | P.G.S.B. |
| " " " | James Bain, | P.G.S.B. |
| " " " | Otto Klotz, | P.G.S.B. |
| " " " | Robert Dennistown, | P.G. Dir. of Cer. |
| " " " | Henry Grist, | P. Asst. G. Dir. of Cer. |
| " " " | F. C. Dettmers, | P.G. Org. |
| " " " | Philip Henry, | P. G. Steward. |
| " " " | John M. Horsey, | P. G. " |
| " " " | Wm. Smeaton, | P. G. " |
| " " " | H. V. Sanders. | P. G. " |
| " " " | Alex. Walker, | P. G. " |
| " " " | E. J. Barker, | P. G. " |
| " " " | Henry Dumble, | P. G. " |
| " " " | Henry Robertson, | P. G. " |
| " " " | N. A. Gamble, | P. G. " |
| " " " | James Reynolds, | P. G. " |
| " " " | M. C. Cameron, | P. G. " |
| " " " | Thos. Wilkinson, | P. G. " |

PAST MASTERS.

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| R. W. Bro. | James Seymour | V. W. Bro. | James Bain |
| " " | Stevens Baker | " " | John Paterson |
| V. " " | F. C. Dettmers | R. " " | Æmilius Irving |
| R. " " | James A. Henderson | " " | Wm. Irvine Stanton |
| " " " | S. D. Fowler | V. " " | William Smeaton |
| " " " | Alex. S. Kirkpatrick | R. " " | Donald Fraser |
| " " " | E. H. Parker | " " | J. N. Carter |
| R. " " | Thomas Drummond | M. " " | A. Bernard |
| V. " " | John M. Horsey | R. " " | James Moffat |
| R. " " | A. A. Stevenson | V. " " | John K. Clare |
| M. " " | W. B. Simpson | " " " | C. W. Bunting |
| " " " | Thomas Wilkinson | " " " | Andrew McBeth |
| " " " | Rev. H. Montgomery | R. " " | F. C. Draper |
| " " " | H. M. Wright | V. " " | H. V. Sanders |
| M. " " | W. M. Wilson | " " " | W. W. Pringle |
| V. " " | John Wilson | " " " | F. F. McArthur |
| " " " | William Doctor | " " " | F. Keller |
| " " " | Eber C. Flint | " " " | P. J. Brown |

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| R. W. Bro. John H. Graham | W. Bro. Peter Begg |
| " " " Thos. B. Harris | " " W. H. Mandeville |
| " " " H. Waterman | " " M. H. Spencer |
| R. " " F. Westlake | V. " " N. Allan Gamble |
| " " " John Paterson | " " " Robert Dennistown |
| " " " Alex. McCleneghan | " " " Edward Leigh |
| " " " John Midgley | V. " " John King |
| " " " John W. Lethbridge | R. " " Rev. V. Clementi |
| " " " John Taylor | " " " Richard White |
| V. " " John E. Brooke | " " " N. F. Dupuis |
| " " " George Grant | V. " " James Reynolds |
| " " " Andrew Wright | " " " M. C. Cameron |
| V. " " Alex. Walker | " " " Thomas Aishton |
| " " " Christopher Burrell | R. " " L. H. Henderson |
| " " " J. B. Lay | " " " John Renshaw |
| " " " Jno. P. Featherston | " " " Geo. S. Graham |
| V. " " Henry Grist | " " " M. Eacrett |
| " " " J. W. Fergusson | " " " S. McClung |
| " " " William Reid | " " " C. S. Rowe |
| " " " Charles Hunter | " " " Wm. Press |
| " " " Allan McLean | " " " W. T. Wiggins |
| V. " " Otto Klotz | " " " Israel Humphries |
| " " " John Morey | " " " Wm. Adams |
| R. " " A. DeGrassi | " " " W. L. P. Eager |
| " " " John Kerr | " " " James Bowman |
| " " " John Turquand | R. " " A. G. Macdonell |
| " " " H. P. Brown | " " " Thomas Winter |
| R. " " Geo. W. Whitehead | " " " James Might |
| " " " J. W. H. Wilson | " " " H. W. Wright |
| " " " W. D. McGlohlon | " " " S. W. Flagler |
| R. " " Charles Kahn | " " " M. Richardson |
| V. " " John Segsworth | " " " Alex. Murray |
| " " " Donald McMurchy | " " " Samuel Rogers |
| R. " " Henry Macpherson | " " " Wm. Mostyn |
| V. " " Henry Robertson | M. " " T. D. Harington |
| " " " Charles R. Ford | " " " John Menzies |
| V. " " E. J. Barker | " " " J. M. Dunn |
| R. " " John V. Noel | R. " " Isaac H. Stearns |
| V. " " Henry Dumble | V. " " Thomas Matheson |

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. upon our proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened in *Ample* form, at 12.45 o'clock, P. M.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, having appointed W. Bro. Geo. M. Wilkinson, Allan McLean and Wm. Angus a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge:

Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal.

Bro. H. Grant, S.W.

V. W. " F. C. Dettmers, P.M.

" " " Philip Henry, P.G. Std.

No. 1. *Prevost Lodge, Dunham.*

W. Bro. Stevens Baker, W.M.

No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara.*

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, (Proxy.)

No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston.*

W. Bro. George M. Wilkinson, W.M.

" R. M. Horsey, S.W.

" E. H. Smith, J.W.

R. " " S. D. Fowler, P.M.

" " " James A. Henderson, P.M.

" " " Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P.M.

" " " Thomas Drummond, P.M.

V. " " John M. Horsey, P.M.

" " E. H. Parker, P.M.

No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns'.*

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, (Proxy.)

No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*

W. Bro. J. Quigg, W.M.

" W. McKechnie, S.W.

M. " " W. B. Simpson, P.M.

V. " " Thomas Wilkinson, P.M.

- No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton.*
 W. Bro. William Edgar, W.M.
 " W. T. Munday, S.W.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby.*
 W. Bro. Robert Kemp, W.M.
- No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Philipsburg.*
 Bro. L. W. Decker, S.W.
 W. " Rev. H. Montgomery, P.M.
- No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee.*
 W. Bro. F. Richardson, W.M.
 " " H. M. Wright, P.M.
 " T. S. Henry, S.W.
 " J. C. Huffman, J.W.
- No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.*
 W. Bro. John Clarke, W.M.
 " A. J. Donly, S.W.
 " W. H. Mulkins, J.W.
 M. " " W. Mercer Wilson, P.M.
 V. " " John Wilson, P.M.
- No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville.*
 W. Bro. E. C. Flint, W.M.
 " " William Doctor, P.M.
- No. 12. *Golden Rule Lodge, Stanstead.*
 R. W. Bro. John H. Graham, (Proxy.)
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.*
 R. W. Bro. James Seymour, (Proxy.)
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.*
 V. W. Bro. James Bain, P.M. and Proxy.
 " " " John Paterson, P.M.
 R. " " Æmilus Irving, P.M.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg.*
 W. Bro. William Irvine Stanton, W.M.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward Lodge, Picton*
 W. Bro. Henry T. Wood, W.M.
 V. " " Wm. Smeaton, S.W. and P.M.
 R. " " Donald Fraser, P. M.
 " " J. N. Carter, P.M.

- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga.*
W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell, W.M.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. Peter J. Brown, W.M.
" James Canfield, S.W.
- No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton.*
W. Bro. Peter Begg, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin.*
W. Bro. F. Keller, (Proxy.)
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton.*
Bro. George Walker, S.W.
" James Way, J.W.
R. W. " Thomas B. Harris, P.M.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London.*
W. Bro. H. Waterman, P.M. and Proxy.
R. " " F. Westlake, P.M.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock.*
W. Bro. John Paterson, W.M.
" " A. McCleneghan, P.M.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas.*
W. Bro. John Midgley, W.M.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford.*
W. Bro. John Taylor, W.M.
" " John W. Lethbridge, P.M.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham.*
V. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, W.M.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor.*
W. Bro. George Grant, W.M.
" A. S. Kennedy, S.W.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc.*
W. Bro. Peter Begg, (Proxy.)
" " Andrew Wright, P.M.
- No. 49. *Harington Lodge, Quebec.*
V. W. Bro. Alexander Walker, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 51. *Corinthian Lodge, Grahamville.*
V. W. Bro. Christopher Burrell, P.M.

- No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo.*
W. Bro. J. B. Lay, P.M.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple.*
V. W. Bro. John Paterson, (Proxy.)
- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia.*
W. Bro. R. S. Gurd, W.M.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. J. P. Featherston, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, W.M.
V. " " Henry Grist, P.M.
- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. Edward Mitchell, W.M.
V. " " J. W. Fergusson, P.M. .
" " William Reid, P.M.
- No. 62 *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.*
W. Bro. Charles Hunter, W.M.
" D. E. Broderick, S.W.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London.*
W. Bro. Thos. F. McMullen, W.M.
- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle.*
W. Bro. R. T. Wilkinson, W.M.
- No. 67. *St. Francis Lodge, Richmond.*
W. Bro. M. M. Tait, W.M.
" Timothy Leet, S.W.
R. " " John H. Graham, P.M.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. Allan McLean, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 70. *Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke.*
W. Bro. D. Thomas, W.M.
" Henry O. Stanley, J.W.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt.*
V. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P.M. and Proxy.
R. " " Æmilius Irving, P.M.
- No. 73. *St. James Lodge, St. Mary's.*
W. Bro. T. S. Shortt, W. M.
" J. E. Harding, S.W.

- No. 74. *St. James Lodge, Maitland.*
W. Bro. John Morey, P.M.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto.*
Bro. Fred. J. Menet, S.W.
R. W. " A. DeGrassi, P.M.
" " " John Kerr, P.M.
- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.*
W. Bro. John Turquand, W.M.
R. " " George W. Whitehead, P.M.
" " H. P. Brown, P.M.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg.*
Bro. M. Norris, J.W.
- No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford.*
W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, W.M.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury.*
W. Bro. W. D. McGlochlun, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris.*
W. Bro. W. S. Martin, W.M.
- No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy.*
W. Bro. Richard Bell, W.M.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton.*
R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, (Proxy.)
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto.*
V. W. Bro. John Segsworth, W.M.
- No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham.*
W. Bro. Donald McMurchy, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound.*
R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, W.M.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood.*
W. Bro. John Nettleton, W.M.
V. " " Henry Robertson, P.M.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne.*
W. Bro. C. R. Ford, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine.*
V. W. Bro. Thomas Matheson, (Proxy.)

- No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston.*
W. Bro. Robert Hendry, jun., W.M.
" Wm. McCadden, S.W.
" George Andrews, J.W.
R. W. " John V. Noel, P.M.
V. " " Edward J. Barker, P.M.
" " " Henry Dumble, P.M.
" " " S. H. Blondheim, G. Pur't.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley.*
W. Bro. Wm. H. Mandeville, P.M.
- No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.*
W. Bro. M. H. Spencer, W.M.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon.*
Bro. E. Jackson, (Proxy.)
- No. 98. *True Blue Lodge, Albion.*
V. W. Bro. James Bain, (Proxy.)
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket.*
Bro. E. Jackson, S.W.
V. W. " N. Allan Gamble, P.M.
- No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas.*
W. Bro. W. B. Irving, W.M.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro'.*
V. W. Bro. Robert Dennistown, W.M.
R. " " Rev. Vincent Clementi, P.M.
V. " " John King, P.M.
" " Richard White, P.M.
" " Edward Leigh, P.M.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines.*
R. W. Bro. James Seymour, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.*
W. Bro. M. Betts, (Proxy.)
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford.*
W. Bro. J. W. Lethbridge, (Proxy.)
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth.*
V. W. Bro. John K. Clare, (Proxy.)
- No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo.*
W. Bro. Alex. Ross, W.M.

- No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith.*
W. Bro. N. F. Dupuis, W.M.
" James McGinnis, J.W.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott.*
V. W. Bro. James Reynolds, W.M.
" George EnEarl, S.W.
- No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich.*
V. W. Bro. M. C. Cameron, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford.*
W. Bro. John Clarke, (Proxy.)
- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder.*
W. Bro. J. Dallas, W.M.
- No. 117. *Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge.*
W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, W.M.
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown.*
V. W. Bro. N. Allan Gamble, (Proxy.)
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath.*
W. Bro. Thomas Aishton, P.M.
- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew.*
Bro. John McRae. (Not a qualified Rep.)
- No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville.*
W. Bro. John Taylor, W.M.
" Donald Bain, S.W.
R. " " L. H. Henderson, P.M.
- No. 124. *Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.*
W. Bro. J. S. Clark, W.M.
R. " " Isaac H. Stearns, P.M.
" " " John Renshaw, P.M.
- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall.*
W. Bro. J. Quigg, (Proxy.)
- No. 126. *Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellsford.*
W. Bro. Edgar W. Edwards, W.M.
- No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford.*
Bro. George A. Smith, S.W.
W. " G. S. Graham, P.M.

- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora.*
V. W. Bro. N. Allan Gamble, (Proxy.)
- No. 130. *Yamaska Lodge, Granby.*
Bro. John H. Bartlett, S.W.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton.*
V. W. Bro. M. C. Cameron, (Proxy.)
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Francedston.*
W. Bro. M. Eacrett, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 134. *Shawenegan Lodge, Three Rivers.*
Bro. John Broster, S.W.
W. " S. McClung, P.M.
- No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton.*
W. Bro. W. L. P. Eager, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville.*
W. Bro. James Bowman, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford.*
V. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, (Proxy.)
- No. 138. *Aylmer Lodge, Aylmer.*
W. Bro. John P. Featherston, (Proxy.)
- No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa,*
W. Bro. John Boyd, W.M.
" " Frances Keller, S.W.
- No. 140. *Malahide Lodge, Aylmer.*
W. Bro. E. McKay, (Proxy.)
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell.*
V. W. Bro. Thomas Matheson, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg.*
R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, W.M.
" T. F. Chamberlain, S.W.
- No. 143. *Friendly Brothers Lodge, Iroquois.*
Bro. Marshall Hatch, J.W.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.*
W. Bro. John Rennie, W.M.
" James Woods, S.W.
R. " " Charles Kahn, P.M.
" " Thomas Winter, P.M.

- No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook.*
W. Bro. James Might, P.M. and Proxy.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh.*
W. Bro. H. M. Wright, W.M.
 " Peter Johnston, J.W.
- No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte.*
W. Bro. Wm. Mostyn, W. M.
 " " John Menzies, P. M.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa.*
M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover.*
V. W. Bro. John Wilson, (Proxy.)
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings.*
Bro. James C. Brown, J. W.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin.*
V. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 152. *Clarenceville Lodge, Clarenceville.*
W. Bro. C. S. Rowe, W. M.
- No. 153. *Burns Lodge, Wyoming.*
V. W. Bro. John K. Clare, (Proxy.)
- No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan.*
R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, (Proxy.)
- No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro'.*
Bro. Charles Cameron, J. W.
- No. 156. *York Lodge, Eglinton'.*
V. W. Bro. John Segsworth, (Proxy.)
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs.*
R. W. Bro. Francis Westlake, (Proxy.)
- No. 159. *Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, O.*
W. Bro. John P. Featherston, (Proxy.)
- No. 160. *Quebec Garrison Lodge, Quebec.*
W. Bro. William Press, W. M.
- No. 161. *Percy Lodge, Warkworth.*
W. Bro. W. T. Wiggins, W. M.
 " " Israel Humphries, P. M.

- No. 163. *Browne Lodge, West Farnham.*
W. Bro. William Adams, W. M.
- No. 164. *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington.*
W. Bro. S. W. Flagler, W. M.
" J. Clinton, S. W.
- No. 166. *Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek.*
R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, (Proxy.)
- No. 168. *Merritt Lodge, Welland.*
W. Bro. M. Betts, W. M.
- No. 169. *Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne.*
W. Bro. M. Richardson, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 171. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Iona.*
W. Bro. John Edgcomb, W. M.
" " John A. Philpott, J. W.
- No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr.*
Bro. Duncan McNeil, S. W.
- No. 173. *Victoria Lodge, Montreal.*
W. Bro. Alexander Murray, W. M.
- No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan.*
W. Bro. John Clarke, (Proxy.)
- No. 175. *Saint John's Lodge, South Potton.*
W. Bro. D. A. Manson, W. M.
- No. 177. *The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. Samuel Rogers, W. M.
- No. 178. *Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville.*
W. Bro. George Byron Philip, W. M.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell.*
W. Bro. William Reid, W. M.
- No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph.*
W. Bro. James M. Dunn, W. M.
" Charles Sharpe, J. W.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell.
Bro. W. A. Glover, J. W.

Prince Albert Lodge, Prince Albert.

W. Bro. F. Keller, (Proxy.)

Old Light Lodge, Lucknow.

W. Bro. James Somerville, W. M.

Enniskillen Lodge, York.

R. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris, (Proxy.)

Plantagenet Lodge, Plantagenet.

W. Bro. William N. Barrie, W. M.

" J. M. C. Deles Derniers, S. W.

" Henry Smith, J. W.

Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburgh.

W. Bro. H. D. Pickel, W. M.

" C. H. Boright, J. W.

Ascot Lodge, Lennoxville.

R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, W. M.

Filius Viduce, Adolphustown.

W. Bro. John Willmer, W. M.

" E. H. Smith, S. W.

" D. Young, J. W.

Belmont Lodge, Belmont.

W. Bro. Emanuel McKay, W. M.

Ashlar Lodge, Coaticook.

R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, (Proxy.)

Scotland Lodge, Scotland.

W. Bro. Frederick Mudge, W. M.

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

A number of visiting Brethren being in attendance, the M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing and to take their seats in the visitors gallery.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

RESOLVED,—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Eleventh Annual Communication, held at the City of Montreal, on the 11th, 12th and 13th days of July, A. D., 1866, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the Lodges, the same be considered read and confirmed.

The Minutes of an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge convened, to meet at the city of Ottawa, on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1866, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of "St. James" Church with masonic ceremonies, were read and on motion confirmed.

As also, the Minutes of an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge held at the city of Ottawa on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1867, convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of "St. Alban's" Church with masonic ceremonies were read and on motion confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following Address to the Brethren assembled :—

BRETHREN,—It is now seven years since I last had the honor of addressing you from this chair, and on looking back over the record of your proceedings, and when reflecting upon the many important events which have transpired during that long period, I rejoice that I am able to congratulate you, not only upon the wise conservative counsels, which have hitherto guided your efforts in the cause of Masonry, but also, upon the deservedly high position which this Grand Lodge has attained in the masonic world. The blessing of God has rested upon our labors, and our constant prayer to Him should be that He would still continue to foster and to cherish our venerable and beloved institution, and so to influence and guide our aspirations and our acts, that we may successfully carry out the great objects for which we are associated together.

ATLANTIC CABLE.

Before proceeding to direct your attention more especially to the various important matters which will occupy your time and attention during the present session, there are two events of more than ordinary public interest, which have transpired since our last Annual Meeting, to both of which I will now briefly refer. The first of these, in order of date, was the successful achievement of one of the most wonderful undertakings which man in his restless energy ever attempted. I allude to the Atlantic Telegraph. The constant and rapid correspondence now hourly kept up between England and America must have a tendency to bind still closer together those great nations. May it prove an eternal link of brotherhood between us all, and may the Providence of God which has thus directed the genius of man to this crowning victory over difficulties and dangers of no ordinary magnitude, make it instrumental in securing the happiness of all nations, and the rights of all people.

THE NEW DOMINION.

The Royal Proclamation, which gave life and power to that great work in which our statesmen have been so long engaged, has been issued by our Most Gracious Sovereign, and the "Dominion of Canada" now takes her position among the powers of the earth. This binding together of the scattered fragments of an empire by closer union, not only doubles our material strength, but our moral influence also, and must exercise a powerful effect in knitting still more closely the ties of reverence and affection, which binds us to our beloved motherland. The immediate results of this important measure will depend entirely on the spirit in which our people work out its details, and, as an able writer on the subject remarks, the great ultimate issues which hang upon them, will in all human probability be decided by the tone which may prevail in the new Dominion, and the policy she may pursue during the next few years. That wise counsels may prevail, and that the leading men of all parties in the state may unite in securing a successful and harmonious working out of the great problem now submitted for

our solution, is, I am sure, the earnest wish of every true lover of his country, and all will unite in the heart-felt aspiration and prayer to the Great Architect of the Universe, that He, by whose permission and authority kings reign and nations exist, will pour down his richest blessings upon our beloved Queen and upon this country and people.

A GENERAL GRAND LODGE.

The new state of political existence upon which we are now entering, necessarily brings up for our consideration, the effect which it must to some extent, have upon our position as a Grand Lodge. The name, by which for many years, we have been known and recognized in the Masonic world, becomes now, it is claimed, a misnomer. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which has supreme authority in that section of the new Dominion, is as much a Grand Lodge of Canada as we ourselves are. The distinguished brother who presided at your last annual meeting approved of the idea of a General Grand Lodge, having Provincial Grand Lodges in each Province, and the Board of General Purposes to whom the subject was referred, also reported favorably upon the suggestion made by my Most Worshipful predecessor, but at the same time advised that no immediate action be taken in the matter. What at that time was only an anticipation, has now become a reality ; and while I readily admit that there is something peculiarly pleasing in the idea of uniting all the members of our fraternity, who reside in the various Provinces now confederated together, into one grand body ; and while contemplating also the probability of important territorial additions still to be made to the new Dominion, I must confess that I entertain grave doubts, whether a union, embracing such an immense extent of country, would have a tendency to promote the advancement of the best interests of Masonry on this continent. In Great Britain, as you are well well, there is no General Grand Lodge ; and in the neighboring Republic, each State has a Grand Lodge which exercises supreme Masonic authority in her own jurisdiction. In the year 1859, the subject of a General Grand Lodge for the United States, was brought before a Committee of Grand Officers for

consideration, and by referring to my address of that year, you will find that I at that time expressed the opinion, that the creation of a General Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the several States of the Union would neither be expedient nor desirable.

In submitting, however, the whole subject to your careful consideration, I do not wish it to be understood that I either decidedly oppose or approve of the suggestions which have been made. All I mean to convey to you is, that thus far I have not been able to satisfy my own mind, as to the wisest course to be pursued under our present circumstances. But I earnestly request for it, that thoughtful and calm investigation which the great importance of the matter, imperatively requires at your hands; and I would suggest, that its consideration be referred to a special committee, who may be able to report during the present session.

THE MASONIC ASYLUM.

The next subject of importance to which I would now direct your attention, is the proposed Masonic Asylum. Acting upon the suggestions made by the Board of General Purposes, a circular containing a series of questions has been addressed to each of our subordinate Lodges; their replies to which will enable us to ascertain the views and wishes of the Craft generally upon this very interesting and important question.

It appears to me, that we are not yet in a position which would warrant so large an expenditure of money, as would be required for the erection and endowment of such an establishment as the Masons of Canada would wish to see associated with their name and Order. Neither do I believe that there exists any urgent necessity for the immediate expenditure of money for this purpose; for although we must all admire the princely benevolence displayed by the Masons of England, in their great Masonic charities, we at the same time also know how widely different our position and circumstances are from theirs. Every warranted Lodge under this jurisdiction has, doubtless, its little list of widows and orphans, whom it gladly relieves to the utmost extent of its ability; and this Grand Body, also, has never yet

turned a deaf ear to the appeal of poverty or distress; but if you were carefully to examine as to the position and circumstances of the parties respectively, who have thus received relief and assistance at your hands, you would, I am convinced, find that but very few of them, if any, would accept your bounty, if coupled with the condition, that before they could become the recipients of it, they must become the inmates of a Masonic Asylum, and such of you as have had an opportunity of visiting asylums erected for aged and indigent Masons, either in England or elsewhere, and have carefully observed the inmates of these institutions, must admit the fact, that in this country, we have but few representatives of that class of cases amongst us. The whole funds of our Grand Lodge, (with the exception of that portion which is absolutely required to defray contingent and other expenses), are, I consider, sacred to benevolent purposes; and if these are prudently invested in public securities, we shall be enabled, without encroaching upon the principal, effectually to relieve and assist all who have claims upon our benevolence.

A BUILDING FOR GRAND LODGE PURPOSES.

It has also been suggested that the time has at length arrived when Grand Lodge should have a suitable and permanent place of meeting, and that a building should be at once erected in some central position, where the meetings of Grand Lodge should be held, and where the office of the Grand Secretary should be permanently established. With this suggestion I feel disposed to concur, but, until it is finally determined, whether our boundaries are to be enlarged or whether our jurisdiction is to remain as at present, it does not appear to me that we could prudently proceed to take action even in this matter at present. The whole subject, however, as to the disposal of the Asylum Fund, and the various interests connected with it, having now been before Grand Lodge for several years past, I entertain no doubt but that you will, during the present session, be able to arrive at a wise and satisfactory conclusion with regard to it.

“THE WORK.”

It having been decided at our last annual meeting that, in order

to secure uniformity in our Lodges, an exemplification of "the work," as it is technically called, should be given upon the second day of the present session, I some time since appointed a committee, composed of Bros. Harris, Bull and White, upon whom this duty will devolve. These brethren, with such aid and assistance as I could render them, have devoted much time and thought to a careful preparation for the proper discharge of the duty imposed upon them. I must confess that individually I am nervously apprehensive as to any attempt at innovation or change in the *lex non scripta* of Masonry. A system which has come down to us from our ancient brethren, hallowed, mellowed and approved by our fathers in the mystic art, is not to be rashly interfered or tampered with; and if through inadvertence, or because it seemed more consistent with our modern notions, any change has crept in, I would gladly favor an immediate return to the old paths and traditions of our Order, for, as an ancient writer quaintly remarks: "They are the registers, the chronicles of the age they were made in, and speak the truth of history better than a hundred of your printed communications." I much regret that the pressure of business will prevent our distinguished and Right Worshipful Brother Richard Bull from assisting in the exemplification of a work, to the careful arrangement of which his best skill and ability have been most earnestly devoted. In connection with this subject, I may add, that it is intended to appoint a Standing Committee on Work, to whom all communications on that subject will in future be addressed.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Upon carefully examining the published proceedings of our Grand Lodge for the last few years, I have been much struck with the amount of labor which devolves upon, and is so ably performed by our Board of General Purposes; and I am sure that I but express the prevailing sentiment of Grand Lodge when I say that we, as a body, are deeply indebted and most grateful to them for their efficient and valuable services. This Board is composed of our most intelligent and best educated members; and although it is doubtless considered as a very high honor to be selected as worthy of a seat among them, yet its members

soon discover that high positions are generally accompanied with important duties and great additional responsibilities. The patient and unwearying attention given by them to minute and frequently tedious details, the constant sacrifice of their own private interests for the common good, (for in addition to their labors at Grand Lodge, the heaviest portion of their duties is performed between the annual meetings), and the careful and laborious discussion which precedes all their decisions, must be understood and known before they can be fully appreciated. And when we consider also that these brethren cheerfully devote their time and talents, without remuneration of any kind, simply from a love of the order, surely I cannot err in claiming for them not only your cordial countenance and support, but also your most grateful and hearty acknowledgements.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Since our last annual meeting I have granted Dispensations for fourteen new Lodges, which are named and situated as follows :—

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| Oriental | | Port Burwell | | 26th July, 1866. |
| Petrolia | | Petrolia | | 9th Aug., “ |
| Tuscan | | Levis | | 1st Oct., “ |
| Prince Albert | ..... | Prince Albert | .... | 4th Dec., “ |
| Old Light | ..... | Lucknow | ..... | 19th Jan., 1867. |
| Enniskillen | ..... | York | ..... | 21st “ “ |
| Plantagenet | ..... | Plantagenet | .... | 19th Feb., “ |
| Royal Canadian | .... | Sweetsburgh | .... | 20th “ “ |
| Ascot | ..... | Lennoxville | .... | 6th March, “ |
| Filius Viduæ | ..... | Adolphustown | .. | 6th “ “ |
| Belmont | ..... | Belmont | ..... | 8th April, “ |
| Ashlar | ..... | Coaticook | ..... | 21st May, “ |
| Orillia | ..... | Orillia | ..... | 12th June, “ |
| Scotland | ..... | Scotland | ..... | 27th “ “ |

As each of these applications were accompanied by the necessary certificates and vouchers required by our regulations, I have now much pleasure in recommending that a regular Warrant of constitution be issued to them respectively, in lieu of the temporary authority granted by my Dispensations.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

During the past year I have been called upon officially to decide various questions of Masonic Law, but as none of them possess any peculiar interest or importance, I consider it unnecessary to bring them before you at present. A serious difficulty occurred in one of our subordinate Lodges, in which several Worshipful Brethren became unfortunately involved, but as this matter has been happily and satisfactorily arranged, and the lawful authority of this Grand Lodge properly vindicated, I have no desire to give it undue prominence, or to refer further to a matter which occasioned me much pain and anxiety at the time. All the documents, however, connected with this and similar matters are in the possession of the Grand Secretary, and can be referred to if necessary.

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

At the last meeting of this Grand Lodge it was determined that an *Honorary Jewel* should be prepared and presented to our Grand Secretary. This I find has been neglected, but no time will now be lost in giving effect to your wishes, although at the same time I would venture to suggest for your consideration whether twelve years of valuable and faithful service might not be more substantially and appropriately acknowledged, than by a mere jewel of office, which, although valuable as a proof of your appreciation and regard, is otherwise of but little use to the recipient.

BOSTON.

I was honored by an invitation from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, to be present at the dedication of their Masonic Temple at Boston, on the 24th June last, and I much regret that circumstances prevented me from accepting the invitation and from meeting the large and brilliant assemblage of Masons upon that very interesting occasion. His Excellency, W. Bro. Andrew Johnson, the President of the United States, with the leading members of the Fraternity in that Republic, and upwards of ten thousand Masons participated in the solemn and imposing ceremonies of dedication. We

congratulate the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts upon the successful completion of their superb edifice, and also upon the great success which has thus crowned their labors. We, as Masons, enter as fully, and participate as heartily in the joyous emotions excited by the occurrence of important events of this kind, as if they had taken place in our own midst and in our own Dominion, for Masonry knows neither country nor language; and although (as the Reverend and eloquent orator said on the occasion referred to,) we may be men of different nationalities, men of diverse views in philosophy, men of widely varying types of religious faith, and men of diametrically opposite political sentiments, yet we have been brought into harmonious and abiding social relations by the powerful and controlling influence of the compass and square.

DISTRESS IN GEORGIA.

I regret to announce to Grand Lodge that much distress still prevails among our brethren in the Southern States, and startling accounts of misery and want suffered by the widows and orphans of Masons in the State of Georgia have been forwarded to the Craft in Canada and elsewhere. Our Lodges in many instances promptly responded to this appeal, and I would gladly at that time have been the almoner of your bounty, but found upon enquiry that no funds either for charitable or other purposes are now left subject to the order of your Grand Master. I heartily commend this subject to your most favorable consideration, and hope that if this distress and want has not already been relieved by a bountiful harvest, no time will be lost in forwarding substantial evidence of your sympathy to the suffering widows and orphans of Georgia.

M. FURNELL, ESQ.

It is also my painful duty to inform you of the death of Michael Furnell, Esq., the representative of our Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. By the death of this distinguished brother, we have lost a warm friend, and our order a most worthy Craftsman; his loss will be sincerely regretted by every member of the Fraternity in Canada.

I had much pleasure in appointing R. W. Bro. James Vokes Mackey, of Dublin, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, with the rank of a Past Grand Senior Warden, as successor to our deceased brother Furnell.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have also made arrangements, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, for an exchange of Representatives with several other Grand Bodies with whom we have not heretofore been in communication, and I have appointed the following distinguished members of our Order as our Representatives at these Grand Lodges and Grand Orients respectively, viz. :—

R. W. Bro. Andrew Kerr Mackinlay, at Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, at Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Ill. Bro. J. M. C. Obed, at Grand Orient of Cuba.

Ill. Bro. Dr. Francesco De Paula Romas, at Grand Orient of Brazil.

Ill. Bro. J. M. Samper Angiano, at Grand Orient of New Grenada.

Ill. Bro. Antonio M. Mollejas, at Grand Orient of Venezuela.

Ill. Bro. Adolph R. Pfeil, at Grand Orient of Uruguay.

Ill. Bro. Joas Caetano D'Almeida, at Grand Orient of Portugal.

Ill. Bro. Luis Goapil, 33rd, at Grand Orient of Mexico.

Ill. Bro. Francesco De Luca, at Grand Orient of Italy.

Ill. Bro. A. M. Medina, at Grand Orient of Chili.

These diplomatic relations with the Grand Orients, have been established through the kind and fraternal offices of Ill. Bro. Andres Cassard, the distinguished representative of these Grand Bodies to the Grand Lodges of the United States, and I indulge in the hope that we will soon have the pleasure of receiving and welcoming, in proper form, the accredited representatives of these Grand Bodies among us.

By the last mail from England, I received an official communication from our Most Worshipful Brother W. C. Stephens, Esq., announcing the resignation of his position as Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, near this Grand Lodge, a copy of which I herewith lay before you.

Although retiring from a high and important position, (the duties of which he has for so many years discharged with great ability and discretion,) our distinguished brother cannot by any

means sever the link which connects him with this Grand Lodge. His past services, and the many pleasing incidents connected with them, will never be forgotten by his Canadian brethren, and should he again return to this jurisdiction, he will find many warm hearts and ready hands, to welcome and to greet him.

UNAFFILIATED MASONS.

I would also direct the attention of Grand Lodge to the very large and increasing number of Masons who are not connected with any of our Lodges, and who, consequently, contribute nothing towards our fund of benevolence. This subject has occupied much of my attention for many years past, and I would suggest for your consideration the propriety of directing that every subordinate Lodge should endeavor to ascertain with as little delay as possible, the names of all unaffiliated Masons residing within the limits of their jurisdiction, and inform them that their names have been entered on the unaffiliated Roll of the Lodge, and that by instructions received from Grand Lodge, they are required to contribute a certain sum annually, (say half dues,) and that a failure on their part to comply with this requirement will be followed by such penalty as Grand Lodge may please to direct. I have discussed this subject with many of our unaffiliated brethren, who, from the pressure of their avocations, and for other reasons, have felt it necessary to retire from an active participation in Lodge duties, and in nearly every instance, I have been assured that they would gladly resume their connection with the Order, provided some such scheme as I have suggested was adopted.

FENIANISM.

In the month of September last, I addressed letters to the Grand Masters of the neighboring States, referring to the wicked and unjustifiable attempts of those reckless and lawless men, known as Fenians, to invade these Provinces, and asking them to supply me with any information they might possess as to their plans and intentions. The replies to these letters were most prompt and fraternal, and while assuring me that their best

services would be rendered to me in the matter referred to, they at the same time convinced me that they and the intelligent and enlightened classes in the United States had no sympathy with these piratical marauders, who had, without a shadow of reason, attacked and still threatened a peaceable and inoffensive community. On this subject I have also been in communication with the Grand Masters of England and Ireland.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

Your Committee appointed to collect material for a more perfect history of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, have, under the able superintendence of their chairman, the R. W. Bro. S. D. Fowler, collected a mass of information relating to the early history of our Order in Canada, of a most interesting and valuable character, and are entitled to the best thanks, not only of this Grand Lodge, but of every member of the Craft in this jurisdiction. The result of the labors of this Committee has partially been published in the "Craftsman," and has materially added to the lively interest with which the members of our fraternity look forward to the arrival of the monthly numbers of this most excellent periodical.

In connection with this subject, I would earnestly invite the attention of our old Lodges to a careful search in their archives for minutes and documents connected with the early incidents of their history, with a view to forwarding them to this Committee with as little delay as possible.

LIBRARY.

I have also to direct the attention of Grand Lodge to the large accumulation of valuable Masonic material, consisting of printed Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Pamphlets, &c., &c., now in the office of our Grand Secretary, and to suggest that if they were arranged and cheaply bound, they would form a valuable addition to our Grand Lodge Library.

INDEX.

It is also desirable that a general index to our own proceedings should be prepared and printed, and I would also suggest that

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in future an index be added to our annual publication of proceedings.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Since our last Annual Communication I have had the pleasure of paying official visits to my brethren in Guelph, Montreal, Peterboro' and London, and I need scarcely add that my reception everywhere was most cordial and hearty. I would gladly have visited many of our other Lodges had time and circumstances permitted, as I have long felt that official visits of this kind have a most beneficial effect in promoting the interests of Masonry.

SPECIAL GRAND LODGES.

I have also to state for the information of Grand Lodge, that I authorized the holding of two special meetings of Grand Lodge since our last Annual Communication, which on both occasions were ably presided over by my Most Worshipful Brother Past Grand Master Harington, who officiated at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of two churches in Ottawa, a full account of which appeared in the papers of the day.

INVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

About the middle of August last I observed an official notice, emanating from the Receiver General's Department, to the effect that applications would be received up to the 10th of September for the purchase of Provincial debentures, which were to bear 7 per cent. interest, and knowing that a large portion of our funds were lying on deposit at 4 per cent., I at once saw the importance of securing so favorable and safe an investment for them. I proceeded to St. Catharines, where I met many members of the Board of General Purposes, who were there attending a meeting of the Grand Chapter, and consulted them with reference to the matter. Finding that they approved of my suggestion, I proceeded to Toronto for the purpose of advising the Trustees of the Asylum Fund to invest that amount also in Provincial debentures. I then visited Montreal, and made the necessary arrangements with our much esteemed

Brother, the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, for the transfer of our funds, after which I proceeded to Ottawa, which I reached on the 18th of August, where, with the valuable assistance of the Deputy Receiver General, I completed all the arrangements I had the power to make. I again returned to Montreal for the purpose of obtaining the signature of the Chairman of the Board to an order on the Bank having charge of our funds, to deposit the same in the Bank of Montreal, as directed by the Receiver General. You are all probably aware that by the existing regulations, the signatures of the Chairman, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are required to any order for the payment of money. On again calling upon R. W. Bro. Stevenson, I ascertained that he did not like assuming the responsibility of making this change without calling a special meeting of the Board to consider the matter; and as the time allowed for the application had nearly expired, I could only urge upon him the necessity of losing no time in ascertaining the views of the members of the Board, (of which, by the way, I entertained no doubt,) and I then returned home. On the 10th of September the sum of \$16,000 was deposited in the Bank of Montreal, for which amount Provincial debentures were duly issued and handed over to the Grand Treasurer. An additional sum of \$1,500 was on hand at the time, but I am unable to say why this amount was not also invested in the same securities. The Asylum Fund was also invested by the Trustees in Provincial debentures.

FINANCES.

The accounts of that most trustworthy and valuable officer, the Grand Treasurer, showing the state of our finances up to the 1st day of July, instant, will be laid before you, from which you will be pleased to learn that our finances are in a most satisfactory condition.

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| I find that we have to that date, cash in the Gore | |
| Bank, at Simcoe..... | \$ 5,159 67 |
| In County Middlesex Debentures..... | 1,600 00 |
| In Provincial Debentures..... | 16,000 00 |
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| Total Funds..... | \$22,759 67 |

Which belongs to the following accounts :

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| General Fund | \$14,220 | 71 |
| Asylum Fund..... | 467 | 81 |
| Investment for Benevolence..... | 7,890 | 24 |
| Current for “ | 180 | 91 |
| | ————— | \$22,759 67 |

In addition to which, interest has accrued on Provincial Debentures, but which will not be available until 1st September next, when the half-year's interest falls due, to the amount of.....\$373 33

To be distributed as follows :

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| Benevolence | \$184 | 10 |
| Asylum Fund..... | 10 | 92 |
| General | 178 | 31 |
| | ————— | \$373 33 |

I would suggest that whatever decision may be arrived at with reference to the Asylum Fund, it should still appear in and form part of the Grand Treasurer's accounts, so that members may at all times know exactly the position of all their funds.

BY-LAWS OF LODGES.

During the past year I have had to examine carefully a number of By-laws of Lodges ; these, with some amendments and trifling alterations, I had much pleasure in approving and confirming.

BALLOT FOR GRAND OFFICERS.

I have also endeavored, with the assistance of that most efficient officer, your Grand Secretary, to perfect the arrangement of a system which will be tested at the present meeting, and by which I hope much valuable time will be saved to Grand Lodge at our annual balloting.

CONCLUSION.

There are still many subjects connected with my administration of your affairs during the past year which I would have wished

to report upon for your information but as this address has already extended far beyond the limits I originally contemplated, I will only add that all the documents connected with my transactions are ready for inspection should any reference to them be desired, and I think I may say with confidence, that my successor will find no unfinished business to encroach either upon his time or attention.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon our labors during the present Communication, and wisdom from on high direct and guide us in all we undertake for the advancement and promulgation of our divine art.

WM. M. WILSON,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson,—

That so much of the M. W. the Grand Master's address as has reference to the present position of the Grand Lodge, and the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion of Canada, be referred to a special Committee to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master,—the remaining portion thereof to the Board of General Purposes.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi,

That the whole of the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the negative.

A vote of Grand Lodge was taken on the original resolution, which was declared in the affirmative.

The M. W. Grand Master read a letter from R. W. Bro. John V. Noel, on behalf of the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, and the Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, meeting in the City of Kingston, inviting the Grand Officers and Representatives of Lodges to attend a steamboat excursion through the Thousand Islands on the River St. Lawrence,

which generous hospitality was cordially accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master read the following correspondence :

William Mercer Wilson, Esq., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Canada, Simcoe :

DEAR SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,

I beg most respectfully to request you to convey to Grand Lodge, my sincere thanks for the very handsome testimonial from that body, which I had the honor of receiving from your hands last evening, at the regular meeting of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10.

It has always been my aim to perform whatever duties I undertook to the best of my ability, and this proof that I have succeeded in satisfying Grand Lodge, in my position of Grand Treasurer, is to me truly gratifying. Trusting that I may be as successful in the future as I have been in the past.

I remain,

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,

Yours Truly and Fraternally,

HENRY GROFF.

SIMCOE, 22nd August, 1866.

Colonel W. M. Wilson, &c., &c., Simcoe, Canada West.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,

When I left Canada, as you are I believe aware, I contemplated returning there before this time, and therefore I withheld the resignation of my office as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of England at your Grand Lodge, hoping on my return to have continued the honorable position I had so long enjoyed amongst my esteemed friends and brothers in Canada ; but as I now find that my engagements will detain me in England, at least for a considerable time, I have placed my resignation in the hands of Earl Zetland, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and his Lordship will doubtless communicate with you, Most Worshipful Sir, thereon.

This terminates my official connection with your Grand Lodge, but be assured, no circumstance can terminate, nor in the slightest degree diminish, my grateful remembrance of the kindness and indulgence I have invariably experienced at the hands of my brethren in Canada, nor of the valued honor with which my humble services have been generously rewarded.

I shall ever wear the jewel of the rank of Past Grand Master, which the Grand Lodge bestowed upon me, with honest pride, and I shall never forget, nor lose an opportunity of referring to, the happy days (and nights !) I have passed with you all ; and when we fill "to absent friends," that munificent memento of the past, the loving cup presented to me by Grand Lodge, the first and heartiest wish in the toast is for the happiness and prosperity, individually and collectively, of my old and esteemed associates, the Masons of Canada.

Believe me to remain, Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. C. STEPHENS.

Belle Vue, Machon Bank,
SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND, 14th June, 1867.

ORIENT OF PARIS, March 1st, 1867.

DEAR BROTHERS,

The Grand Orient of France celebrates this year the summer solstice with a Feast and Banquet, which will take place on the 15th of June.

At that time all the Presidents or Delegates of all the Lodges in correspondence will meet at Paris to a General Assembly, and the International Exhibition will no doubt bring together a great number of Freemasons.

The Grand Orient of France finds under these circumstances a good opportunity to strengthen the tie, and to bring to a closer union the scattered members of the Freemason family, and suggests that during the time of the great feast of industry, the

Freemasons ought to keep the festival of brotherhood. The Freemasons of all the Orients and Obedients are requested to partake, so as to give the feast a universal character. No spectacle in fact, will be more worthy of general interest, than to see men from all parts of the world assembled, differing in language, manners and habits, but all animated with the one and same feeling, that of brotherhood.

I do not doubt, dear brothers, that the idea of the Grand Orient of France will be well understood by all, and that the Freemasons will hasten to answer to the call. The greater the gathering, the more numerous the links of the union chain, the more brilliant the splendour of the feast.

All will be done to bring about a festival worthy our great Institution. Please, dear brothers, to give this communication the greatest possible publicity.

Receive, dear brother, the assurance of my esteem and brotherly affection.

The Great Master of the Masonic Order of France.

MELLINET.

THE VICE-GR. M.

LENGLÉ.

TORONTO, July 5th, 1867.

M. W. DEAR SIR AND BRO.,

I have the honor herewith to enclose a communication from the R. W. Dep. G. Secretary of the G. L. of Ireland, referring to the reception of the Representative of the G. L. of Canada in the G. L. of Ireland, also enquiring as to the proper clothing to be worn. I believe it is customary for Grand Lodges to furnish their representatives with the proper clothing, and I may mention that the G. L. of Ireland forwarded the requisite collar, jewel and apron when I was appointed their Representative.

I have the honor to remain, M. W. Dear Sir and Bro.,

Fraternally yours,

KIVAS TULLY,

Rep. of Ireland.

Grand Secretary's Office,
FREEMASON'S HALL, DUBLIN, 21st June, 1867.

R. W. SIR AND BRO.,

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland I had the pleasure of reading your letter of the 16th ult., enclosing one dated 13th ult. from the M. W. the G. M. of Canada to yourself, notifying that he had instructed the Grand Secretary to prepare and forward the Credentials of Bro. James Vokes Mackey, as Representative from the G. L. of Canada at the G. L. of Ireland,—also that he had accorded to Bro. Mackey the rank of a Past Grand Senior Warden of the G. L. of Canada.

Bro. Mackey, being present, produced the Credentials above referred to, and having been brought up to the foot of the Throne by the two acting Grand Deacons, was congratulated by the D. G. M., who called upon the G. L. to salute R. W. Bro. Mackey as Representative from the G. L. of Canada at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which having been done, Bro. Mackey took his seat accordingly.

I was then directed to make enquiry as to the proper clothing to be worn by Bro. Mackey. I shall therefore feel obliged by your affording me the necessary information.

By order,

CHARLES W. WALMISLEY,

D. G. Sec.

R. W. KIVAS TULLY,
Rep. from the G. L. of Ireland.

The foregoing correspondence was received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

V. W. Bro. F. C. Dettmers gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move that the question in regard to the testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington be finally taken up, with the view of appropriating from the funds of Grand Lodge a suitable amount to defray the cost of the same.

W. Bro. H. Waterman gave notice, that on to-morrow he would move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of London.

W. Bro. Edward C. Barker gave notice that he would move that the next Annual Communication be held at the City of Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn gave notice that he would move that the next Annual Communication be held at the Town of Goderich.

Reports of the R. W. District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts were read.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada:

From the most remote period of antiquity it has been a source of real gratification to every devout lover of our now time-honored Institution, to learn that a healthy and favourable progress was characterizing our noble Order, in any or every part of the world, while the gratification has always been intensified by progress in the Dominion in which we reside. On this occasion it becomes my pleasing duty, in accordance with established usage, to report to Grand Lodge the very satisfactory state of the Lodges in the London District, over which I have had the honor to preside during the past Masonic year. Since my promotion to the office of D. D. G. M. I have visited every lodge in the district, with but one exception that is working under dispensation at Port Burwell; the W. Master and the officers of this one Lodge I have frequently met during the year. and from the information received from them I infer the satisfactory state of this Lodge.

The Lodges throughout the District on the whole are in a prosperous condition, and very uniformly working as near the system adopted by Grand Lodge as can well be expected from

the limited facilities which some of them possess of obtaining it. The number not very efficiently worked is very limited, and situated in isolated localities, where they have but few opportunities of meeting with Masons who can give them the information they require. There is but one Lodge in the London District (which, with every facility at its control,) but what has adopted the work of this Grand Lodge. This Lodge continues as when under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, to which they previously belonged. This is St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G. R. C., located in the City of London, in which there are two other Lodges working in accordance with our established ritual.

On the 14th of Sept. last, I received a communication from the W. Master of Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs, informing me that the lodge room, and all its contents, had been destroyed by fire. This calamity has given the brethren of Alexandra Lodge a great amount of anxiety and trouble; they could not obtain a room in the village suitable for them to meet in, and desirous of continuing their Lodge, they had no alternative but to build a hall for themselves. This the brethren have done, but not without embarrassment. The facts of this has been sent to all the Lodges in Canada by circular, with a sympathetic appeal to their charity.

COMPLAINTS.

During the past year, I am happy to state, but few complaints have come to my knowledge, and these of so trivial a nature and so easily adjusted satisfactorily to all concerned, that there is not any to claim attention of Grand Lodge.

MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

I may, however, be pardoned here for again inviting the attention of Grand Lodge to the imperative necessity of issuing blank forms and books suitable for subordinate Lodges, so as to secure a uniform system of book-keeping, &c., throughout this Dominion, the price to be arranged so as to be a source of reasonable remuneration to Grand Lodge, for time, expenditure, &c. This arrangement, in my opinion, would be a direct

advantage to subordinate Lodges, for while it secured systematic uniformity, the documents would be procured at a much cheaper rate than at present.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Most Worshipful Sir, might I also be permitted to suggest to Grand Lodge the propriety of considering the necessity of devising some more efficient method of instructing the young Mason in the mystic art of Masonry, without in the least departing from the ancient landmarks of our Order. The propriety of doing this I think is evident to every Mason, from the fact that the short lecture accompanying the receipt of each degree, conveys at best but an imperfect knowledge of the manifold mysteries and morals of our Order, leaving it at the same time exceedingly difficult for the young Mason to gain admittance into other Lodges, while on some occasions they are totally rejected unless vouched for.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year the Most Worshipful the Grand Master has been pleased to grant three Dispensations for new Lodges in the London District, making now in the whole 25 Lodges in the District. The same time, I have granted two Dispensations, one to Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming, to remove their Lodge to a new and convenient room in the same village, and the other to St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, to attend Divine Service in the morning and a Festival in the evening, of St John's Day, 27th December, A. L. 5866, A.D. 1866, in regalia.

DEATHS.

In obedience to the high commands of the Great Architect of the Universe, many of our esteemed brethren have passed from labor to rest. Among the number is, W. Bro. Benjamin Ferguson, W. M. St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth; Bros. Alexander McDonald, L. W. Reece, and John Taylor, of St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London; W. Bro. James Thompson, P. M., of Albion Lodge, No. 80, Newbury; and Bro. Geo. Turnbull,

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham. These six have been duly reported to me, three of whom were members of St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London, with which I have the honor to stand connected.

THANKS.

Before closing my report, I beg respectfully to tender my sincere thanks to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, for the very prompt and satisfactory manner in which they have responded to all matters which I have found necessary to bring before them during my term of office. And I also acknowledge with gratitude the kindly receptions and courteous friendship extended to me by all the brethren I have met while on my official tour through the District.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, may it be our utmost endeavours to unite in strengthening our Order, by continuing to impress it with dignity, influencing with increasing vigor, and securing for it an unbounded respectability, not only in our own Dominion, but throughout the world. May civilization and friendship, with all their elevating influences, flow on and on till time shall be no more; and when we have performed our allotted task on this our sublunary abode, may we all with rapturous delight receive that celestial pass-word which shall secure for us an abundant entrance into the Grand Lodge triumphant, where the Grand Master of the Universe lives and reigns in effulgent light forever.

All of which I humbly submit to Grand Lodge, and remain,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. WESTLAKE,

D. D. G. M., London District.

WILSON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F & A.
Masons of Canada.*

In complying with the requirements of Grand Lodge, I beg to make a brief report of the state of Masonry in the Wilson District.

It would be wasting the time of Grand Lodge for me to give a lengthy report of matters regarding the statistics of Masonry, as these are already in the hands of the Grand Secretary; suffice it to say that I have during the past year, visited most of the Lodges in my District, (*comprising seventeen Lodges,*) and have much pleasure in being able to say that I have found them all in a healthy condition, being presided over by able and zealous Masons, who have spared no pains in promulgating the genuine tenets and principles of the Order.

Those Lodges I have been unable to visit officially are known to have at their head some of the most expert craftsmen in the district; I have therefore reason to suppose they are in an equally flourishing state with those visited. I have had the pleasure of installing the W. Masters and Officers of several of the Lodges during the year, and on these occasions our meetings have been interesting and profitable.

I have granted two Dispensations for the celebration of St. John the Evangelist's Day.

I had much pleasure in recommending the petition of a number of Brethren for a new Lodge at Scotland, County of Brant, to be called the "Scotland" Lodge, and the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant a Dispensation for the same. This Lodge has been opened under the mastership of Bro. F. Mudge, a man thoroughly qualified in every respect, as a Mason and a man of business, to take the management of a new Lodge, and I look for this Lodge becoming one of the first in the district. Bro. Mudge will attend Grand Lodge, and I trust a Warrant will be granted to this Lodge.

In concluding this report, I have to congratulate Grand Lodge on the general prosperity and harmony prevailing in the Lodges, no complaints having arisen but such as have been easily arranged amongst the brethren in the true spirit of the institution; and finally, I would express my thanks to brethren of the different Lodges for their uniform kindness and regard manifest on every occasion.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. CURTIS,

D. D. G. M., Wilson District.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

In compliance with the regulations of Grand Lodge, I submit this my third report on the condition of Masonry in this District.

It affords me great pleasure in being able to state that the prosperity which the country in general enjoys is shared by the Lodges in the Huron District.

I have not been able to visit all the Lodges, but in accordance with a recommendation of Grand Lodge at its annual communication in 1865, I visited those Lodges where I thought my visits might be most useful, among which I may number Northern Light, No. 93, Kincardine, and St. Lawrence, No. 131, Southampton.

I was accompanied on the occasion of these visits by V. W. Bro. Thomas Matheson, Past Master of Tudor Lodge, 141, Mitchell, and was very much pleased at the truly Masonic spirit which I found to prevail in both Lodges, amply repaying me for the long distance I had to travel in reaching them.

In Kincardine I found the work of the Lodge second to none in the Province. The members of the Lodge had also erected a handsome hall, under which they have a store, which brings them in a large annual revenue.

At Southampton I did not find the work so complete, but much better than I anticipated, and when the isolated situation is taken into account, and likewise that the brethren have been left to themselves ever since the establishment of their Lodge, (mine being the first visit they have ever had from a District Deputy Grand Master,) they deserve much credit for having acquired so much of the adopted work, and what they have is in all respects correct. I am happy to add that I found a desire on the part of all the members of the Lodge to attain to a knowledge of the remainder of the work as soon as possible.

My visits to the other Lodges were a mere matter of form, inasmuch as I was persuaded that they not only knew the work in all its details, but had ample opportunities of practising it.

I granted Dispensations to St. Lawrence, No. 131, Lebanon Forest, No. 133, and Tecumseh, No. 144, to wear Masonic clothing in public at the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and a Dispensation for the same purpose to No. 133, at the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

I recommended the application for the establishment of a new Lodge at Lucknow, to be called "Old Light" Lodge, which recommendation the Most Worshipful the Grand Master has been pleased to entertain, and has issued a Dispensation for the same.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Brothers John Adams, St. James', 73, St. Mary's, died July 24, 1866, aged 32; John Robert Dark, Maitland, 112, Goderich, died April 2, aged 25; Jonathan Carter, Britannia, 170, Scaforth, died April 20, aged 58; William Story, Maitland, 112, Goderich, aged 55; died June 9th. These brethren were all buried with Masonic honors.

As I have no desire to be re-elected, I can speak without hesitation on a subject to which I felt it rather delicate to refer to in my former reports—the payment of D. D. G. Masters. Grand Lodge should make provision that their necessary expenses are paid, either from the funds of Grand Lodge or by the Lodges they visit. It should not be left optional with the Lodges, for while such is the case, it is doubtful whether a single D. D. G. M. would accept recompense from a Lodge.

In taking my official leave from my brethren in the Huron District, I return them my sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and courtesy received from them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES KAHN,
D. D. G. M. Huron District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I submit herewith my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Hamilton District during the past year.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Shortly after entering upon my official duties, I was instructed by the M. W. G. M. to examine into and report upon three objections raised by St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, against a candidate whose petition for acceptance had been favorably acted upon by Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27. The objections were, 1st. "That the applicant had not resided a sufficient length of time in the jurisdiction where he had applied." 2nd. "That he had applied to two Lodges at the same time." 3rd. "That he was of unsound mind and incapable of preserving secrets." These I carefully investigated; and finding that the first and second were merely technical, which the time between making the complaint and its reference to me had fully obviated, and that the third arose from private pique, coupled with indiscretion on both sides, rather than reality, I felt in duty bound to report in favor of dismissing the appeal, which was subsequently confirmed by the M. W. G. M. It is but just to add, in reference to this case, that the Officers of both Lodges rendered me every assistance in arriving at correct conclusions, and that they appeared to be animated with the sole aim of preserving unsullied, not only the best interests of their respective Lodges, but also of the Craft in general.

By the same authority I investigated another appeal case at Milton, during the same month, viz., that of a brother, who, with much shrewdness, alleged that he had been unjustly suspended by St. Clair Lodge, No. 125, for U. M. C. After hearing evidence, *pro* and *con*, and eliciting all the facts, I found that

the Lodge had dealt very leniently with the brother, in not following up his suspension with a recommendation to Grand Lodge for expulsion. I therefore reported accordingly, which report met with like approval from the M. W. G. M.

A serious case of personal difficulty between two old and influential members of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, also came under my notice, which, I observed with regret, was rather intensified than allayed by the injudicious meddling of brethren who should have known better. Charges were under consideration when I visited the Lodge, and counter-charges were threatened, which greatly embittered feeling on both sides. I at once endeavored to effect a reconciliation, and thus enable the investigating committee to close an unpleasant duty in a pleasant manner. This proved impossible at the time, though both brethren appreciated the fraternal spirit that prompted my suggestions, and thanked me therefor. Subsequent information leads me to believe, with confidence, that calm reflection has so far modified temper as to justify the prediction of an early and amicable settlement of this unfortunate *emeute*.

These, I am happy to state, constituted the only judicial acts required at my hands. But the correspondence on points of constitutional practice, on balloting, on by-laws, on landmarks, on rites and ceremonies, and on reconciling personal differences between members and Lodges, was somewhat more voluminous. In each instance the reply given was strictly in accordance with the known usages of this Grand Lodge, and I am persuaded, from the ready compliance therewith, that satisfaction was the result, whilst harmony and true masonic feeling have also been greatly promoted.

VISITATIONS.

Indifferent health prevented my visiting more than three or four Lodges till after the new year set in. I then mapped the District out into convenient sections, and each month met three or four, till the entire twenty-two Lodges were officially inspected. The four in Hamilton, without exception, and the two in St. Catharines, I found in excellent condition; whilst those at Niagara, Grimsby, Dunnville, Welland, Drummondville, Milton,

Smithville, Wellington Square and Port Colborne were equally creditable, the officers of the whole, from the W. M. down to the Tyler, vieing with each other in zeal and punctuality to render their Lodges a credit to themselves and an honor to this Grand Lodge. The Fonthill and Cayuga Lodges were not so efficient; but both having since passed into the hands of more painstaking and active officers, I have evêry confidence in their working up to a first-class standard during the ensuing year. The Caledonia Lodge I believe to be well worked, but owing to the unpleasantness that prevailed during the evening I visited it, I had but little opportunity of judging its merits. The Dundas Lodge has labored under great disadvantages during nearly the entire year, owing to the death of its lamented W. M. shortly after his installation. The Past Masters very praiseworthy mitigated these as far as possible; but the absence of a responsible head naturally had a depressing effect. The new officers installed a few days ago give promise of an earnest energy that will infuse new life and restore this Lodge to its former excellent character. The Binbrook and Stoney Creek Lodges are both in good condition, so far as their records and conversation with a number of the brethren of each enabled me to judge, and both own their neat Lodge-rooms. But owing to the W. M.'s living some distance from their Post Offices, neither received my notice of visitation in time, and hence I had not the pleasure of meeting them, though the trip to each involved a thorough drenching with rain and a rough ride on horse-back over a very rugged road. The York Lodge, which I had the pleasing duty of inaugurating, under the dispensation granted by the M. W. G. M., commences work with very favorable prospects, and is presided over by a W. Bro. whose experience, social position and years is a sure augury of success. The members are all in good circumstances, the room (a fine one in a new brick building,) is neatly furnished, at a rental of \$1,00 per annum for 21 years; and a well settled country affords a safe guarantee that there will be plenty of material from which to build up a creditable Lodge. I would therefore recommend that a Warrant be granted, should an examination of the Minute Book and other necessary evidence justify the procedure.

THE WORK.

In thirteen of the Lodges I had an opportunity of witnessing work in the First, Second or Third Degrees ; the remaining nine performed no work during my presence. In each case of exemplification, I was gratified to observe a close conformity to the ritual of this Grand Lodge, very few and trivial departures therefrom being noticeable. There was more variation in the ceremony of opening and closing than in any other respect ; and wherever I discovered inaccuracy I imparted correct information to the proper officers, with advice for future guidance.

I purposed, before the close of my official term, holding two District meetings, one at each end of the District, to suit the convenience of Lodges in the neighborhood of Hamilton and St. Catharines, whereat instruction in the several Degrees could be effectively imparted to the W. Masters and Wardens ; but the visitations drew so largely upon my time that the idea had to be abandoned. I believe this plan of securing uniformity of work would prove much more beneficial than Lodges of Instruction so called, because less expensive, and requiring less formality to accomplish the same ends.

STATISTICS AND RECORDS.

In order to induce the keeping of correct and comprehensive details of Lodge records, I addressed a circular to each W. M. shortly before the 24th June last, asking to be supplied with reliable answers to the headings of the subjoined table. In nearly every instance I received prompt returns, with the queries filled in ; but from three no replies came, though the W. Masters were thrice written to for them. I would recommend each Lodge to keep a book that would show all this information at a glance, to be entered regularly as each semi-annual return is prepared for the Grand Secretary ; which would in effect be a durable statistical history, occupying but a very small compass, and one that could not fail to instruct and stimulate each succeeding W. Master to keep up the character of his Lodge, "as Masters have done in all ages before him."

ABSTRACT STATEMENT showing work done and Financial Position of Lodges in the Hamilton District, from June 24, 1866, to June 24, 1867.

| NAME OF LODGE. | Number. | LOCATION. | No. Members. | No. Initiated. | No. Passed. | No. Raised. | No. Resigned. | No. Suspended, N.P.D. | No. Suspended, U.M.C. | No. Rejected. | No. Regular Meetings. | No. Emergencies. | RECEIPTS. | | | Grand Lodge Fees and Certificates. | Contingent Expenses. | No. Relieved. | Amount Paid for Relief. | Yearly Rent. | Cash on hand or Invested. | WHEN VISITED OFFICIALLY. | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fees. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Niagara..... | 2 | Niagara..... | 29 | 4 | 3 | 3 | .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 86 | 00 | 69 25 | \$19 00 | \$ 60 45 | .. | .. | \$ 40 00 | \$ 114 21 | February 13, 1867. | | | | | | |
| Barton..... | 6 | Hamilton..... | 89 | 6 | 3 | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | 2 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 180 | 00 | 150 58 | 63 75 | 272 73 | .. | .. | * 80 00 | 1199 70 | May 8, " May 15. | | | | | | |
| Union..... | 7 | Grimsby..... | 35 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3 | .. | 13 | 2 | 84 | 00 | 201 37 | 29 50 | 201 40 | 4 | \$10 50 | 80 00 | 192 27 | May 16, " | | | | | | |
| St. George's..... | 15 | St. Catharines.. | 42 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 | .. | 3 | 15 | 2 | 89 | 00 | 227 00 | 37 00 | 163 33 | 1 | 5 00 | 60 50 | 144 82 | Nov. 21, " | | | | | | |
| Strict Observance | 27 | Hamilton..... | 58 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 5 | .. | 12 | .. | .. | 144 | 00 | 147 88 | 54 75 | 150 94 | .. | 43 20 | * 50 00 | 240 82 | February 19, " | | | | | | |
| Amity..... | 33 | Dunnville..... | 72 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 160 | 00 | 100 00 | .. | 252 00 | 2 | 20 00 | 50 00 | 96 17 | February 28, " | | | | | | |
| St. John's..... | 35 | Cayuga..... | 35 | 4 | 6 | 6 | .. | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 80 | 00 | 61 50 | 33 25 | 63 50 | 1 | 18 00 | 12 00 | 36 17 | March 21, " | | | | | | |
| Welland..... | 36 | Fonthill..... | 46 | 7 | 6 | 6 | .. | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 140 | 00 | 56 00 | 48 75 | .. | .. | 36 00 | .. | .. | March 18, " | | | | | | |
| St. John's..... | 40 | Hamilton..... | 85 | 12 | 16 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 264 | 00 | 168 83 | 82 75 | 261 14 | .. | 93 72 | * 20 00 | 500 00 | February 18, " | | | | | | |
| Harmony..... | 57 | Bimbrook..... | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 12 | 2 | 160 | 00 | 4 50 | 45 27 | 88 38 | 2 | 15 00 | .. | .. | June 4, " | | | | | | |
| Acacia..... | 61 | Hamilton..... | 37 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 125 | 00 | 81 28 | .. | .. | .. | .. | * 20 00 | 71 35 | May 31, " | | | | | | |
| St. Andrew's..... | 62 | Caledonia..... | 60 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 125 | 00 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 65 00 | .. | .. | March 20, " | | | | | |
| Valley..... | 100 | Dundas..... | 38 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 3 | .. | .. | 14 | 6 | .. | 174 | 15 | 62 50 | .. | 276 20 | 1 | 10 00 | 60 50 | 536 36 | Nov. 27, " | | | | | | |
| Maple Leaf..... | 103 | St. Catharines.. | 77 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 8 | 14 | 6 | 304 | 00 | 131 30 | 46 00 | 612 83 | 6 | 16 50 | 60 00 | 30 73 | April 16, " | | | | | | |
| St. Mark's..... | 105 | Drummondville.. | 19 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 4 | .. | 1 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 304 | 00 | 30 00 | 21 50 | 45 00 | .. | 30 00 | 60 00 | 60 00 | May 14, " | | | | | |
| Ivy..... | 115 | Smithville..... | 28 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 12 | 2 | .. | 80 | 00 | 30 00 | 21 50 | 139 69 | 2 | 3 00 | 70 00 | 87 05 | October 16, " | | | | | | |
| St. Clair..... | 135 | Milton..... | 39 | 10 | 9 | 9 | .. | 4 | 2 | .. | 1 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 200 | 00 | 74 49 | 44 75 | 39 15 | .. | 30 00 | .. | .. | May 15, " | | | | | |
| Burlington..... | 165 | Wellington Sq'r | 22 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 13 | 2 | 60 | 00 | 23 75 | 33 75 | .. | .. | .. | 30 00 | .. | .. | June 5, " | | | | | |
| Wentworth..... | 166 | Stoney Creek... | 29 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 14 | 4 | 180 | 00 | 63 75 | 49 00 | 41 50 | 1 | 25 00 | 36 00 | 80 00 | March 15, " | | | | | | |
| Merritt..... | 168 | Welland..... | 31 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 15 | 1 | 100 | 00 | 58 25 | 44 25 | .. | .. | 1 27 17 | 30 00 | 100 00 | June 11, " | | | | | | |
| Maenab..... | 169 | Port Colborne.. | 32 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 1 | 50 | 00 | 10 00 | 30 00 | .. | .. | 1 00 | .. | .. | March 22, " | | | | | |
| Enniskillen..... | UD | York..... | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |
| | | | 933 | 168 | 146 | 137 | 20 | 21 | 58 | 38 | 4 | 14 | 62 | 2 | 2,790 | 00 | 1,874 | 38 | 736 | 02 | 2,668 | 24 | 21 | 287 | 09 | 661 | 00 | 3,383 | 48 |

* The Hamilton Lodges all occupy one Lodge Room, the rent of which to each averages about \$15.00. Their Benevolent Fund is also managed jointly, 10 per cent of all receipts by the Lodges being specially appropriated to the Benevolent Fund; sum expended, \$188.00. Most of the Lodge Rooms are good, and tastefully furnished. Drummondville and Caledonia have fitted up their rooms very handsomely during the year. There are several, however, upon which a few dollars might be laid out to good advantage, in papering, carpeting and furniture.

MINUTES AND FINANCES.

The minute books of all the Lodges were examined by me, as far as time would permit; and while many gave evidence of regularity and taste highly creditable to the Secretaries, several indicated gross carelessness and wanton departure from the authorized form laid down in the Book of Constitution. In one instance I found the minutes of six months not recorded at all, except on loose slips of paper. Directions were accordingly given to adopt the correct form in future, and on no account to use slips again; which I am credibly informed have since been strictly adhered to.

The financial affairs of each Lodge were also enquired into, particularly with regard to the fees due Grand Lodge for membership and certificates. In most cases satisfactory assurance was given that all fees were paid, and many of the Lodges showed handsome balances at their credit after defraying all contingent expenses. But a few were unable to meet these enquiries, owing to the absence of their treasurers. As far as possible, I gave proper instructions to correct this defect; and I believe that every Lodge in the District will now be found in good standing.

DISPENSATIONS.

Of these I have granted but two, both being to St. Catherines Lodges, to enable them to celebrate the Festivals of Saints John the Evangelist and Baptist, in Masonic clothing, with their wives and families, in their Lodge room. Both celebrations proved eminently successful in every respect; and I have good reason to believe that the Craft have materially benefited by them, in the harmonious and fraternal feeling they have called into exercise. The Hamilton and Caledonia Lodges also commemorated both festivals in a public way with equal success, but under what authority I am not aware.

INSTALLATIONS.

On the 27th December I installed the W. M. and officers of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, and on the 24th June I discharged the same duty to the W. M.'s of St. George's Lodge, No. 15, and

St. Mark's Lodge No. 105. I take the more pleasure in referring to these installations, from the fact that the three officers inducted are thoroughly up in their work, and conduct their Lodges in a manner not only creditable to themselves, but also edifying and instructive to the brethren they preside over.

DISTRICT REGALIA.

The Lodges of this District have considerably appreciated the recommendation of the B. of G. P. made to Grand Lodge in 1865, to the effect that each District provide suitable Regalia for the D. D. G. M.'s, to be worn by them on all official occasions, and transferred to their successors on retiring from office. R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris took the matter in hand with his usual energy, and the result is, the handsome and costly Apron, Collar, Gauntlets and Jewel I now have the honor to wear for the first time.

OBITUARY.

Death has again marked for his own a number of our faithful and esteemed Craftsmen—brethren whose sterling worth won for them honorable names in life, and whose virtues will ever be emulated by all who knew them, now that they are no more. May we meet them in the Grand Lodge above. Their names, ranks and dates of decease will be found below, so far as furnished :

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Bro. Robert McKnight,..... | M. M. of Lodge No. | 2, Nov. 16, 1866. |
| " John Thomas,..... | M. M. " " | 6, ——— |
| " Emmett A. McElroy,..... | M. M. " " | 6, May 15, 1867. |
| " Samuel Kitchen,..... | M. M. " " | 7, Jan'y 21, " |
| " D. H. Allison,..... | R. A. " " | 7, April " " |
| " Chas. Partington,..... | M. M. " " | 7, Aug. 2, 1866. |
| " George Stoker,..... | R. A. " " | 15, Dec. 17, " |
| " E. W. Stephenson,..... | R. A. " " | 15, April 28, 1867. |
| " Alfred McKinnon, | M. M. " " | 36, May 13, " |
| " James T. Quackenbush,.... | W. M. " " | 100, Feb. 19, " |
| " Peter Thompson,..... | M. M. " " | 105, Nov. 7, 1866. |
| Rowland Caldwell, | M. M. " " | 135, Mar. 16, 1867. |
| " Richard Ruddy,..... | M. M. York Lodge, U. D., | Feb. 11, " |

These brethren were all interred with Masonic honors. Bro. Allison died at Boonville, Missouri, and his remains were followed

to their last resting place by Cooper Lodge, No. 36, who testified to his worth in the resolutions of condolence passed to his relatives. Bro. Kitchen's name should also be held in grateful remembrance, as he preserved the jewels and records of Union Lodge, No. 7, in the war of 1812, and continued an active member of the craft for over 60 years.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot close my report without acknowledging the uniform courtesy shown me throughout the district, wherever I have met the Lodges or individual brethren, officially and otherwise; and though the duties have been onerous, this consideration has materially relieved them, and made a pleasure of what would otherwise have proved an irksome task. It should also be stated, that in several instances the Lodges seemed to realize the fact that travelling costs not only time but money; and they provided accordingly to cover actual expenses incurred for their benefit.

While thanking the brethren for the mark of confidence which the position of D. D. G. Master of this influential district conveys, I sincerely trust that the honor will this year fall to the lot of another, whose health, leisure and means will enable him to attend to the duties without personal sacrifice, and with more advantage to the best interests of the Order than I have been able to impart.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,

D. D. G. M., Hamilton District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, to present this my fourth report of the Toronto District, which will be necessarily brief, as I regret exceedingly that from continued illness during the Winter and Spring I have

been unable to visit all the Lodges of this district. It affords me, however, the greatest satisfaction to report on the efficiency of the work, and the fraternal courtesy and greetings which have at all times been extended to me in those Lodges which I have been able to visit, and to the sympathy expressed by the others to whom I explained my position.

It is with sincere happiness that I have to congratulate the brethren on the "confederation" of the City of Toronto Lodges in one Lodge room, that on Toronto Street, known as the "Masonic Hall"; not only will it be a great saving in rent and other expenses, but it will tend to bind the members of the different City Lodges with one fraternal cord, bringing us all closer together, and more in unison with our Masonic professions. It will also afford an opportunity of founding a Masonic library and reading room, thus furnishing a resort for the brethren, who can then mix more freely together, and spend many an hour usefully which now hangs heavily on some of our younger brethren.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has generously offered to present the United Lodges with many valuable volumes, reports, &c., which, when added to the small libraries already in possession of St. Andrew's and St. John's Lodges, will form, if not a large, a very select library of Masonic lore.

I had much pleasure in giving permission to the brethren of the City Lodges to appear in Masonic clothing at a banquet on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, to celebrate that auspicious event. About 400 brethren of the United Lodges spent the evening in "peace," "love," and "harmony."

I am happy also to report that a constitutional number of Masons applied through me for a Dispensation to open a Lodge at Orillia, County of Simcoe, and I had great pleasure in recommending their petition to the favorable consideration of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He was pleased to order a Dispensation to issue to "Orillia" Lodge, and appointed Brother Malloch to be the first Master. I have no doubt that under the management of this able brother the Lodge will be a success, as a Masonic Lodge has long been required in this northern section.

I have also had the pleasure to grant a Dispensation to the brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 88, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist by their annual excursion to the "Indian Peninsula," and to appear thereat in Masonic clothing.

In the Toronto District during the year now closed, many old and worthy Masons have "passed away" from amongst us, viz:—Brothers John McAlpine Cameron and John H. Ritchy, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16; V. W. Bro. G. B. Wyllie, and Bros. R. Parker, James Beachell, A. O. Fenwick and G. M. Hamilton, St. John's Lodge, No. 75.

Let us hope that these our departed brethren have attained the summit of human aspiration, a seat in the Grand Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe lives and rules for ever.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

A. DEGRASSI,

D. D. G. M., Toronto District.

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ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I am happy to state that Masonry is steadily progressing in the Ontario District.

Having found from experience that it was impossible to visit all the Lodges in the district separately during the year, I called upon the W. Masters, the officers and brethren of the several Lodges to meet me at central points, in order that I might illustrate the work and test the capabilities of those in authority in the subordinate Lodges. In this manner I have been able to meet all the Lodges in my district. I established during the year two Lodges of Instruction, one called the Western Lodge of Instruction of the Ontario District, composed of the W. Masters, the officers and brethren of the following Lodges:—

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| COMPOSITE | LODGE, No. 30, | | Whitby. |
| JERUSALEM | " | " 31, |Bowmanville. |
| MOUNT ZION | " | " 39, |Brooklyn. |
| DURHAM | " | " 66, |Newcastle. |
| LEBANON | " | " 139, |Oshawa. |
| PRINCE ALBERT | " | U. D., |Prince Albert. |

presided over by V. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, P. G. Steward.

The other called the Northern Lodge of Instruction of the Ontario District, composed of the W. Masters, the officers and brethren of

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| CORINTHIAN LODGE, | No. 101, | | Peterboro'. |
| PETERBORO' | " | " 155, |Peterboro'. |
| J. B. HALL | " | " 145, |Millbrook. |

presided over by V. W. Bro. John King, G. Steward.

I granted Dispensations to the Lodges at Peterboro' to wear regalia while attending divine service on the 27th December last, St. John the Evangelist's Day.

A Dispensation has been granted during the year by the M.W. Grand Master for a Lodge at Prince Albert, in this district, called the "Prince Albert" Lodge. The Lodge is in good working order, and I trust that it will be confirmed by Warrant.

I cannot close my report without referring to the invaluable services rendered to me by V. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, P. G. S., to whose Masonic zeal and experience I am indebted for the great success which has attended the Western Lodge of Instruction.

I have to thank the officers and brethren of the Lodges within my district for the kindness and courtesy shewn to me upon all occasions, and it affords me much gratification to bear testimony to the harmony and good will that pervades the district at large.

I regret that my absence in England will prevent my being present at the meeting of Grand Lodge this year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. WELLER,

D. D. G. M., Ontario District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada :

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg leave to present my report for the Prince Edward District, over which I had the honor to preside during the past year.

I regret from unforeseen circumstances, I have not been able to visit many of the Lodges in this extensive district during the past year. However, it gives me great pleasure to state, that but few Masonic complaints have been brought before me and those of so trifling a character as to be easily adjusted without reference to Grand Lodge.

From information received from Brethren, and as far as I am able to ascertain, the Lodges within the district are generally in a prosperous condition, and adding considerably to their numbers.

I would respectfully urge upon Grand Lodge, the necessity of revising this Masonic District, and would recommend that the county of Renfrew be attached to the Central District, as Renfrew Lodge is over 200 miles from any other Lodge in this District.

I granted Dispensations for celebrating the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, to the following Lodges in December last. Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew; Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville, and Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh; also to Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist, and on the same day, to Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, to attend a lecture delivered by Rev. Bro. McMechan, and dine together, which I am pleased to state gave the greatest satisfaction to the brethren.

Only one death among the brethren of this district has been reported to me during the year, that of Bro. R. M. Sawyer, of St. John's Lodge, No. 209, I. R., London, who was interred on the 17th of May, with Masonic honors.

In December last, I had the pleasure of installing the officers elect, of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18. I likewise installed the

officers of Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington, and for a young Lodge, I have great pleasure in saying, the officers are well up in their work.

Application was made through me, for a warrant to establish a new Lodge at Adolphustown, and on my recommendation, and certifying that the Master was skilled in the established degrees, the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to grant a Dispensation to open said Lodge, called "Filius Viduæ," which I hope will be confirmed by the Grand Lodge granting it a Warrant of Constitution.

Application was made to me to allow Filius Viduæ Lodge, to remove to Fredericksburg, temporarily, until more suitable rooms can be obtained. After due consideration I granted it, finding it to be the unanimous desire of its members.

In concluding this brief report, I would express my thanks to the officers and brethren of the Lodges within my district, for the kindness and courtesy shown to me while in the discharge of my duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DONALD FRASER,

D. D. G. M., Prince Edward District.

PICTON, 2nd July, 1867.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have again the pleasure of reporting on the state of Masonry in the Montreal District, and which I am happy to say, may be summed up in a few words, the Craft is prospering; the younger brethren evincing an increasing interest, not only in the beauties, but in the philosophy of our Ritual, and a growing feeling is being exhibited in the necessity of "tyling our ballot box" more closely than heretofore. Some instances, however, are observable, which show that in this particular there is still room for improvement.

Only one case has been brought before me for official adjudication. It was that of a P. M., who was proved guilty of gross deceit and duplicity, and a disregard of that truth, which it was his duty alike to practise and inculcate. The only course open to me, under the circumstances, was to suspend, until the decision of the Grand Master was obtained on the subject. My decision was sustained by the Grand Master, although appealed against. The suspension was dated on the 26th July, 1866, and under date, the 30th March, 1867, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary, from which I copy the following extracts :—"I am to state that the M. W. the Grand Master feels it to be his duty to approve and confirm the judgment pronounced by you in this matter," and "in the hope that the memory of the past will prevent a deviation from Masonic precepts and teachings in the future, he now directs that the suspension be removed."

I have only to add that a Masonic Library has been established, and that the librarian has now some forty-five volumes in his charge, which it is expected will shortly be increased by promised contributions, from some of our most eminent brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BULL,

D. D. G. M., Montreal District.

MONTREAL, 6th July, 1867.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada of A. F. & A. M.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN :

There are in the Eastern Townships District, in the Province of Quebec, *twelve* warranted Lodges, and *four* under dispensation.

By the favor of the great Architect of the universe, I am enabled to report that I have visited all of them, during the year now closing, and it affords me much satisfaction to inform you that they are enjoying a good degree of prosperity under the direction of able and zealous officers.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

The *four* Lodges referred to above, which have been organized during the past year by dispensation from the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, are the following :—

1. TUSCAN LODGE,.....Levis.
2. ROYAL CANADIAN,.....Sweetsburgh.
3. ASCOT LODGE,.....Lennoxville.
4. ASHLAR LODGE,.....Coaticook.

As these Lodges have begun under very favorable auspices, and are presided over by talented and well-skilled brethren, I have favorably reported them to the Grand Master, praying him to recommend this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, at its present Communication, to grant to them *Warrants of Constitution*, in order that at an early day they may be solemnly constituted in due and ancient form.

GENERAL CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY IN THE EAST.

It will, no doubt, be especially gratifying to the Grand Lodge to learn of the healthy condition and increasing prosperity of the craft in this district, wherein Freemasonry was introduced at a very early period, and wherein are situated some of the oldest Lodges under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge; and on the excellent foundation thus laid in this “North East” corner by those veteran craftsmen, there appear to be not a few younger but not less worthy brethren, who are faithfully striving to carry on to completion the great work so well begun.

LECTURES.

During the year, I have delivered an address, or read a paper, before each of the Lodges, generally upon matters connected with the practical workings of the craft; and I beg to suggest that it seems to me there are not a few Worshipful Masters and other brethren in the different Lodges, who might, from time to time, prepare and read short essays upon the principles, laws, constitutions, organization, workings or history of our beloved Order, and on many other subjects which are full of interest to the craft, and thus it seems that not a little benefit would accrue to these individual brethren, and also that the respective Lodges would be greatly benefited in many ways.

LIBRARIES.

It is highly gratifying to be able to report that a few of the Lodges in this district are possessed of valuable Masonic libraries, and others are making commendable beginnings in the same direction. In my opinion, the importance of a good Masonic library, in each Lodge, can hardly be over-estimated.

SOLEMN MUSIC IN LODGES.

In one or two Lodges there is a cabinet organ, or melodeon, which is of great benefit as an accompaniment to the living voice in offering solemn praise to the Most High ; and it seems very desirable that every Lodge should regularly use Masonic hymns of praise. The expense of procuring a sufficient number of suitable hymn books is not very great, and it would seldom happen that there is not some brother present who could lead in such an exercise.

LODGE BOOKS.

It appears as though it would be very advisable for Grand Lodge to appoint a committee to co-operate with the Grand Secretary in preparing and getting published a supply of all the books required by the constitution to be used in private Lodges, so that new Lodges at least could procure at cost price a full and uniform set of suitable books.

COPIES OF THE CONSTITUTION.

It is a source of great satisfaction to know that some of the Lodges are faithfully complying with the requirements of section 8, book of Constitution, under the head, "Of Proposing Members," and are presenting to every candidate, on his initiation, a copy of the Constitution of Grand Lodge ; and it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when every Lodge will fully comply with this very important law.

It also appears to me as though every member of a Lodge ought regularly to procure a copy of the annual proceedings of Grand Lodge, and it is believed that a little effort on the part of the Worshipful Masters, and other officers, would do much towards realizing this very desirable object.

DISPENSATIONS.

In accordance with an application regularly made to me, I granted a dispensation for the removal of "Browne" Lodge from Adamsville to West Farnham, where it is thought it will enjoy an increasing degree of prosperity. I have during the year refused two applications for dispensations to hold "Masonic balls." The reasons for my refusal were set forth at length in my replies to the applicants, and in my reports thereof to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. On being regularly applied to, the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation to hold one of these "balls."

REGALIA FOR D. D. G. MASTER.

All the Lodges in the Eastern Townships District have heartily responded to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, and also of their representatives at the last communication of Grand Lodge, and have liberally contributed the sum suggested for the purchase of regalia for the D. D. G. M., and his successors. This will be procured at an early day.

LODGE FUNDS.

Most of the Lodges in this district are keeping an exact account of their finances, and a few are carefully investing their surplus funds. There are some, however, who ought to exercise more prudent circumspection in regard to this very important matter. It seems as though the Secretary and Treasurer ought to make a quarterly report to the Lodge of all the moneys received and the disbursements made, and that the balance on hand should be safely put out at remunerative interest. Much good would result therefrom, and many grave evils would be avoided.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Some Lodges are pursuing a very commendable course in creating a fund for the purposes of benevolence, and making their appropriations therefrom through a Committee appointed to consider and act upon all applications for relief. It is thought by many that even in rural districts where private Lodges are

contiguous, a joint Committee of Benevolence might be formed, such as now exists and works so well in some of the Cities. Every available means should be adopted to detect and expose impostors, and to afford speedy and judicious relief to the really needy and deserving.

CLARENCEVILLE LODGE.

This Lodge recently lost its Warrant, Jewels, and all its Furniture by fire. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master kindly caused a new Warrant to be issued to it free of expense, and I hope that Grand Lodge may be disposed to take into favorable consideration the petition of these brethren, and in some additional way render a little timely assistance to them in their present extremity.

The very serious calamity which has befallen Clarenceville Lodge should forcibly remind all Lodges of the necessity of having their property fully insured.

LODGES IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC UNDER JURISDICTIONS OTHER THAN THAT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

As difficulties more or less serious are frequently arising in this district on account of what seem to be the unavoidable results inseparable from the existence, in the same Province, of private Lodges under the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges besides that of this Most Worshipful Body, it is thought by many that additional efforts to those already made ought to be put forth to remove this generally acknowledged evil. Might not a committee be appointed to confer with the many excellent brethren of these Lodges, or with committees appointed by them for that purpose? There seem to be no good reasons why such a conference might not be in the highest degree successful, and so be productive of the most beneficial results to the Craft. For many obvious reasons the present appears to be an opportune time to endeavor, in a truly fraternal way and honorable to all concerned, to attain this very important consummation.

DIVISION OF THE E. T. DISTRICT.

The Eastern Township District embraces all that portion of

the Province of Quebec, which lies south of the river St. Lawrence and east of the Richelieu, including the city of St. Johns'. The extent of this territory, and the increasing number of the Lodges, render it extremely difficult for one District Deputy to perform all the duties, and hence a sub-division of the district appears to be necessary. But as there are some other greater and more important questions which are necessarily about to come up for consideration and adjudication, the settlement of which had probably better precede that of the redistribution of the Lodges into two or more Districts, and in order that more full consideration may be given to the subject by all the Lodges in the district, it seems most advisable to let it lie over till the next regular communication of Grand Lodge, unless some Lodge may present a petition in reference to the matter.

OUR LATE R. W. BRO. DR. SCOTT.

Prevost Lodge, No. 1, G. R. C., having made a praise-worthy appropriation towards the erection of a suitable monument in honor of our late R. W. Bro. Joseph Scott, D. D., Archdeacon, &c., and other means also having been inaugurated by them for the carrying out of this laudable design, I had much pleasure in forwarding to the W. M. of that Lodge the cheque of the President of the B. of G. Purposes on the Treasurer of Grand Lodge, for \$50.00, the sum appropriated by Grand Lodge for that purpose. There is no doubt but that other Lodges in this district will contribute according to their ability towards this object, and I trust that this Grand Lodge will ere long be informed of the erection of a monument worthy of the memory of one of the most distinguished names in the *bright* roll of Canadian Freemasons.

DEATHS.

It is my melancholy duty to report the death of our Very Worshipful Bro. George Hope Napier, Grand Steward and Past Master of St. Francis Lodge, No. 67; and also the death of Bro. Geo. Simpson, Secretary of the same Lodge. Both these brethren were buried with Masonic and Military honors.

In closing the duties of the important office with which my

Brethren, the representatives of the Lodges of the Eastern Townships, honored me the past year by their unanimous suffrages, I beg to return to them all my hearty thanks, expressing the hope that my labors have, in some degree at least, met their approval, and have been to some extent promotive of the interests of the Craft.

All which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

J. H. GRAHAM,

D. D. G. M., E. T. D.

RICHMOND, Province of Quebec, July, 1867.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, and

RESOLVED,—That the foregoing reports be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson gave notice, that on to-morrow he would move that Dorchester Lodge, No 4, St. Johns', Province of Quebec, be hereafter included within the Montreal District, instead of the Eastern Townships District as at present.

The Grand Secretary read an appeal from R. W. Bro. Henry Groff, on behalf of Bro. Sovereign, against the decision of the Board of General Purposes in the matter of an appeal against the decision of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10.

It was moved by Bro. A. J. Donly, seconded by W. Bro. John Clarke, and

RESOLVED,—That the foregoing appeal, together with documents having reference to the same, be referred to a Special Committee of Grand Lodge to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to name the following brethren to constitute such committee :

M. W. Bros. T. Douglas Harington, W. B. Simpson ;

R. W. Bros. Æ. Irving, James Seymour, and Alex. S. Kirkpatrick.

V. W. Bro. J. W. Fergusson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Lodge :

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in presenting a brief report of their labors, regret that they have not been able to devote that time to the work which was necessary for the presentation of a complete report.

Some may think that it is an easy matter to report on a subject such as the one under consideration, but your Committee are persuaded that the minds of all such would undergo a change were they to read over the voluminous proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, preparatory to the compiling of a report such as required by Grand Lodge.

Your Committee respectfully submit that the duty of compiling a report of this nature, if it is to be full and complete, and accomplish the end aimed at, a general diffusion of knowledge, should be allotted to the "Board of General Purposes," composed as it is of many experienced craftsmen, thus dividing the labor, and giving a guarantee that the work would be complete in all its parts and honorable to the builder. It cannot be expected that a perfect work can be had from one or two men whose time is fully consumed in the active duties of life, or that a report acceptable to the Craft can be had from a mind weary with the cares of the multitudinous duties of the day. Your Committee have been thus situated, and claim the forbearance of the Craft for the imperfections of this report. Your Committee have endeavored to be as concise as possible, giving such facts as to them appeared of general interest, without comment or controversy.

The proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received :

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| Alabama, | Michigan, | North Carolina, |
| Arkansas, | Minnesota, | Oregon, |
| California, | Montana, | Ohio, |
| Colorado, | Maryland, | Rhode Island, |
| Delaware, | Maine, | South Carolina, |
| Dist. of Columbia, | Missouri, | Tennessee, |
| Georgia, | Massachusetts, | Texas, |
| Illinois, | Nevada, | Virginia, |
| Indiana, | New Hampshire, | Vermont, |
| Iowa, | Nebraska, | Wisconsin, |
| Kansas, | New Jersey, | Washington Terr. |
| Kentucky, | Nova Scotia, | |

Also a Masonic Text-Book, presented to the Grand Lodge of Canada by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and the Constitution, Laws, &c., of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, a bound volume, presented to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

ALABAMA.

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication was held at the City of Montgomery, Dec. 3rd, 5866 ; 149 officers, past officers and representatives being present. Total number of Lodges—334, with a membership of 10,904. Receipts during the year, \$5,504. M. W. Bro. Wm. Williams, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his annual address pays a tribute of respect to the memories of Bro. Hugh Parks, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Wm. Hendricks, Grand Junior Warden, whose labors here being ended, were summoned by the great I AM to the Grand Lodge above.

On questions of Masonic trial, he decides that a Mason, after having obtained an order for a dimit, being guilty of unmasonic conduct, is subject to trial, and that it is the duty of the Lodge, on presentation of such knowledge, to have charges preferred and the brother tried. He holds that the settlement of a difficulty existing between two brothers, whether on trial or not,

when settled by them, does *not* settle the whole matter; for while the "two brethren may be satisfied with the settlement of the difficulty existing between them, and it may make them good friends," the real question to determine is, "has the institution suffered from their course of ill conduct? and has not the law of Masonry been violated?"

He decides that *one witness* is sufficient to prove an offence involving suspension or expulsion; the question at issue being, is the case proven? and if so, one witness is sufficient. That an E. A., equally with a M. M., can be tried for unmasonic conduct. And that a Mason, having received his dimit and removing to another State, cannot be tried by the Lodge granting dimit for an offence committed before the dimit was granted; but thinks the course to pursue is for the Lodge granting dimit to prove charges and send them to the Lodge where he may have affiliated, and furnish said Lodge with the testimony in the case.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence covers 94 pages of the Journal, and is, in the main, an interesting document, though it contains some hard hits at the reports of some of the Grand Masters. Of our own Grand Lodge they speak well, and especially of the commendable zeal of Grand Master Simpson for the preservation of ancient usage.

ARKANSAS.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Little Rock on November 5th, 1866. M. W. Bro. E. H. English, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. W. D. Blocher, Grand Secretary. 108 Lodges were represented.

Total number of Lodges, 193. Receipts, \$1,756.12.

The Grand Master in his address speaks as follows:

"Twelve months ago, MASONRY in Arkansas was also in the condition of a *fallen tree*. Out of *one hundred and seventy* chartered Lodges upon our Register, but *fifty* were represented at your last annual communication. The REGISTER itself had been destroyed by fire, with the Masonic Hall, of this city, which

contained it. Many other lodge-houses had been consumed by flames kindled by the war. A number of Lodges had been plundered of their charters, records, furniture and jewels. The masters and wardens of other Lodges were dead. They had fallen upon distant battle fields, or died from the exposures of the march and the camp, and slept in unmarked graves far from their homes and their much loved masonic altars. The membership of many of the Lodges were also dead, or scattered. Communities were broken up, houses left tenantless, and abandoned fields uncultivated. The destitute widow and the helpless orphan were in want of bread, and, in many instances, there was but little to supply them.

“But at the close of the war, no class of our population returned more readily, quietly and cheerfully to the peaceful pursuits of life than the masonic fraternity. During the past masonic year Lodges have been rebuilt and re-furnished, charters duplicated, and the surviving craftsmen have reassembled and resumed their labors. Much the larger portion of the Lodges are at work again, and others are preparing for labor. But few charters have been surrendered. The number of new Lodges established during the year will, perhaps, equal the number which have surrendered their charters. The Masonic *Tree* revives again! There is no permanent *decay*—no DEATH for *Masonry*! ‘*Truth crushed to earth will rise again—the eternal years of GOD are hers!*’ Her date is from the year of *Light*. She was present when the morning stars shouted over the new-born earth. She saw the SUN make his first march through the heavens; and will witness his last setting, when the Angel of Death shall sound the funeral knell of Time! She has seen the OAK of many centuries spring from the earth, mature, decay and tumble down. She has witnessed the infancy, maturity, decline and fall of many kingdoms and empires. She saw ROME when but a bantling upon the banks of the Tiber; saw her when she had her foot upon the neck of all Europe, and saw her when she sunk into the tomb of nations! She *may* see her spring into life again, and become the flourishing capital of a mighty empire under the reign of Victor Emmanuel, and his successors. For nations are like *trees*; if they *be cut down*, they *may sprout again*. But

Masonry can never die, because her laws are immutable and everlasting."

On the subject of applications for initiation, advancement or affiliation, he says; "the physical, moral and mental fitness of the applicant alone must be regarded. In other words, none other than the old and well-defined Masonic tests should be applied." This opinion he gives owing to questions arising in Lodges out of the late political difficulties in that country, and gives this sound Masonic advice and injunction. "No inquiry should be made as to whether he was born North or South, or was upon the one side or the other in the late war. One inquiry is sectional, and the other political; and in *Masonry* we ignore both. Outside of *Masonry*, I may have a very poor opinion of a man's religion, his politics, or his section, but when he seeks to become a Mason, I look at him simply as a *man*. If he be already a Mason, and *as such* worthy, I hail him as a brother when we meet at the Masonic altar or elsewhere masonically. True, where a man, on the one side or the other, availed himself of the garb of a soldier to rob and plunder unprotected families, no good Mason would want to see him in a Lodge. Such a man is naturally a free-booter, and if he would *rob* in time of war under cover of a soldier's garb, he would *steal* in times of peace under cover of the night."

This Grand Lodge was called to mourn the death of their esteemed Grand Secretary, Thos. D. Merriek, who died on the 19th of March, 1866. Of him the Grand Master thus feelingly speaks: "He had been for a quarter of a century a member of this Grand Lodge, and during much the greater portion of that time its Grand Secretary. He was an active, zealous, and accomplished Mason, and was generally known and beloved by the craft throughout the State. An occasional Grand Lodge was summoned, and he was buried with Grand funeral honors."

The committee on Foreign Correspondence, in noticing our proceedings for the Session of 1865, seems somewhat mystified by the remark of Grand Master Simpson in his address, where he says: "the perfect period of seven years has passed away since the Grand Lodge assembled in *this Hall*, in annual commu-

nication," and seems to infer that no annual communication had been held during this interim. We would correct the mistake of our brethren of Arkansas, or rather clear up the mystery, if it still exists, by informing them that the Grand Lodge of Canada holds regular annual communications, but not in the same place ; therefore, the expression "this hall" will appear plain.

CALIFORNIA.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 9, 5866, M. W. Bro. Gilbert B. Clairborne, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges 147, of which 126 were represented. Number of Members 7020. Receipts during the year \$16,220 76. Paid on account of 454 cases of relief \$7,136 50.

The Proceedings form a volume of 556 pages.

The address of the Grand Master refers principally to local matters not of general interest ; congratulating the craft on the prosperity of the order in the state, and the fact that no amendments to the constitution are presented for consideration, and exhorts the brethren, now that prosperity is their lot, to remember the suffering in those States where war has overrun the country, and contribute to their necessities. He reports having granted 26 dispensations during the year ; four for the formation of new Lodges, four for holding election of officers at a time other than the regular period ; two to ballot for, and confer degrees without the reference of applications to committees, (a questionable policy), fifteen to receive and act upon the petitions of rejected applicants within a less period of time than twelve months, and one to authorize a Lodge to continue work, its charter having been burned.

The Grand Secretary's report, in addition to items of finance, embraces subjects usually referred to in the annual address of Grand Masters. He reports ten lodges as having been transferred to the jurisdictions of the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Nevada, and twenty-one as having voluntarily surrendered their charters.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence

reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, commenting pretty freely on many of the actions therein referred to ; which, though not of general interest to the Craft at large, may be interesting to the members in that jurisdiction.

COLORADO.

The Sixth Annual Communication was held at Central City, Oct. 1st and 2nd, 5866. M. W. Bro. Andrew Mason, Grand Master ; R.W. Bro. O. A. Whittemore, Grand Secretary. Eight Lodges were represented, with a membership of 485. Receipts during the year, \$610.00.

This Grand Lodge pays the expenses of representatives attending the session, bills being taxed by a Committee "on mileage."

From the proceedings we gather that the practice of holding Lodge Communications on the Sabbath has to some extent prevailed ; but the Grand Lodge passed the following resolution :

"RESOLVED,—That from and after this Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, it shall not be lawful for the Lodges under its jurisdiction to hold Communications on the Sabbath day for any purpose whatever, except to attend the funeral of a member thereof, or of a brother Master Mason."

The attention of Grand Lodge being called to certain attempts to institute what is called the "Conservator's Association" as a branch of Masonry, the Grand Lodge passed the following resolutions :

1st.—"That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado solemnly declare the said Association a corrupt organization ; treasonable to the institution of Masonry, and subversive of its sacred interests, honor and perpetuation.

2nd.—"That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado peremptorily interdict and forbid the introduction of the above-mentioned work or organization in any Masonic Body in this Grand Jurisdiction.

3rd.—"That no Mason, subject or adhering to said Association, shall be allowed to sit in or visit this Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge thereunder, or hold affiliation with or be recognized by any Mason in this jurisdiction.

4th.—"That the Grand Lodge under which Robert Morris, the "Chief Conservator," holds or pretends to hold membership, be respectfully and

fraternally requested by this Grand Lodge to bring him to condign and merited punishment for the high crimes with which he now stands self-convicted; and that all our sister Grand Lodges be requested to join us in the total suppression of the criminal innovations of said Association."

On the question of Masonic standing this Grand Lodge holds the following views: "That in the sense of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, the non-payment of dues cannot work a forfeiture of Masonic standing." This view we consider to be in direct opposition to the spirit of Masonry, which requires all to work and contribute towards, if not the erection, at least the keeping in repair the temple erected by the Master Builder.

M. W. Bro. Chase Withrow is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Edward C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication, held at Wilmington, June 27th, 5866.

M. W. Bro. Daniel McClintock, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. P. Almond, Grand Secretary. Thirteen Lodges are reported in this jurisdiction, all of whom were represented at Grand Lodge. Receipts during the year, \$422.50.

There appears to have been very little business transacted, the officers not being installed. A Special Communication was held on the 9th Oct. for the purpose of installing the officers, and a still further Special to install the D. D. G. Master was held on the 20th December, no other business apparently being transacted.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A Semi-Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held May 1st, 5866. R. W. Bro. R. B. Donaldson, G. M. *pro tem*; R. W. Bro. W. Morris Smith, Grand Secretary; fourteen Lodges being represented. No business of importancē was transacted at this session.

A Special Session of Grand Lodge was convened June 18th, for the purpose of paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of P. G. M. William Winston Seaton, about seventy-five members

of Grand Lodge being present; M. W. Bro. George C. Whiting, Grand Master, presiding. And a still further Special Communication on the 13th Oct., for the purpose of paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of R. W. Brother William G. Parkhurst, late Grand Senior Warden, whose funeral took place on the 14th.

The Annual Communication was held at Washington, Nov. 6th, 5866,—M. W. Bro. George C. Whiting, re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Noble D. Larn elected Grand Secretary—fourteen Lodges being represented. Cash receipts \$4,591 96.

No annual address from the Grand Master is recorded; nor do we find any report from the Grand Secretary. The Grand Treasurer appears to keep the accounts, as it is from his report the standing of Lodges is obtained.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence give a review of the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Lodges, our own of 1865 among the number. The report is concise, much being said in a few words.

In reply to certain resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, asking that Grand Lodges appoint delegates to attend a convention for the purpose of correcting errors in the Ritual, and certain other purposes, the Grand Lodge declined to take any action, on the ground that the holding of such a convention would not result in benefit to the Craft. A conclusion that we think wise and prudent, as the ritualistic work of the three degrees are substantially the same the world over, differ as we may in minor details.

GEORGIA.

The Annual Communication was held at Macon, Oct. 31st, 5866. Number of Lodges—263, of which 230 were represented; number of members—10,460, of whom 1,171 were initiated during the year then past. Receipts, \$9,738; assets, \$12,454.61. M. W. Bro. John Harris, elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Simri Rose, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address, in referring to non-affiliated

Masons and the multiplying of Charters, gives utterance to the following sound advice, which we heartily endorse :

“ I have received several communications from various Lodges complaining of the number of non-affiliated Masons in their jurisdiction, and of the large number of members who refused to pay their annual dues. Many of these Lodges have suffered severely, and now while they are poor and are endeavoring to resuscitate, to be forsaken by a number of their members, and the whole burthen of sustaining their Lodges be thrown upon a few, is unmasonic. I could give them no aid nor any more power to punish than they already possessed. The remedies, I admit, are not adequate to the disease—the subject is presented to your serious consideration. This subject of non-affiliated Masons has engaged the attention, of perhaps all the Grand Lodges in the United States ; all seriously complaining of the evil, but as yet, none have been able to discover or apply an effectual remedy. Cannot this Grand Lodge, in its wisdom adopt some course by which this evil may be remedied, and either diminish or stop the increase of this class of drones? What are non-affiliated Masons? What relation do they, or should they sustain to the Fraternity? Does the simple certificate, that they have paid all dues and are in good standing, relieve them from their obligations as Masons? They generally so consider it, and so act. They do not pay the small pittance of annual dues, for the support and maintaining the dignity of the Institution ; and I fear do not regard their obligations, in sustaining the great moral principles of Masonry, by any acts of charity, either for the relief of the widow and the orphan, or “ a distressed worthy brother.” With very many the same motive which induced them to obtain a dimit, (the unwillingness to pay dues), would close their hearts and their pockets from all appeals of charity. It is to be regretted, that dimits should ever be granted except for removing membership. All who enjoy the honors, should bear a share of the burdens. That class of Masons, who are able to contribute, and refuse to do so, and suffer themselves to be indefinitely suspended, or stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues, deserve a much severer punishment ; they are unworthy to be known as Masons.

"The too liberal granting of Charters, and the multiplication of Lodges, has and is perhaps doing more to demoralize our Institution than is generally supposed. It is the source from which most of the evils to the Fraternity flow. Scarcely any new Lodge can be established in Georgia without inflicting material injury on some older Lodges in its vicinity. It diminishes the jurisdiction of the older Lodge and takes off a portion of its members : thereby so lessening its number, that in order to sustain an existence the older Lodge is induced to receive unworthy materials, and the new Lodge is influenced, by the same unworthy course, to establish an existence. The result is, that all become demoralized ; and Masonry lowered in the estimation of the wise and the good. The Grand Lodge has repeatedly acknowledged the evil of the increase of Lodges. Let us now be admonished by the past, and avoid the evil for the future. The prosperity of Masonry is too often estimated by the increase of members. This is a very mistaken notion. The honor and prosperity of our Institution depend not upon its numbers, but upon the moral worth and intelligence of its members ; and by such alone it can be sustained."

In this Grand Lodge they have what our P. G. M. has endeavored to induce our Grand Lodge to inaugurate, the system of having a Grand Lecturer. One item from the report of this officer, so applicable to other jurisdictions than Georgia, that we submit it for the contemplation of the brethren. He says: "I have met with Lodges whose knowledge of the science of Freemasonry was limited, exclusively, to a very superficial acquaintance with the occult ceremonies of the Order. The idea that there was anything above or beyond these was never conceived of by them ; to be able to make themselves known as Masons is, in their opinion, the Alpha and Omega of the Institution. I was astonished when informed, that many, very many of them, never heard a lecture explanatory of the symbols and ceremonies of the several Degrees, and were therefore utterly ignorant of the sublime truths and instructive principles to which these types and shadows direct the investigation of those in search of Masonic Light. In a vast majority of the Lodges, all that is conceived to be necessary for the complete instruction of the Initiate is some

familiarity with the manual of our ceremonies, and when this is supposed to be acquired, the work of instruction is completed and the student prepared to graduate with the highest honors of our schools. In consequence of this lamentable condition, so subversive of the dignity of the fraternity, and in compliance with the solemn charge I received at my installation, 'to communicate light and information to the uninformed, and by instruction to the Lodges illustrate the genius and vindicate the principles of our Institution,' I deemed it a matter of the greatest importance to instruct the Lodges in the sublime principles upon which the system of Freemasonry is founded, the great moral duties it inculcates, the weight of obligation resting upon us to constant unflinching fidelity, and the inevitable disgrace consequent upon a violation of duty. I attempted to show that Freemasonry, reduced to a system of unmeaning ceremonies, is robbed of all that constitutes its glory and excellence, and presented as a hideous, deformed skeleton, destitute of form or comeliness, and utterly unworthy the consideration of an intelligent mind."

Will not the description given above apply to some in this jurisdiction, and is there not as much necessity for "light" through the Grand Lecturer as in Georgia?

In comparing the number of initiations with the number of applications, as shewn by Lodge returns, this officer speaks as follows: "Fifty-eight Lodges show 1207 initiated and 97 rejections, and 31 other Lodges report 461 initiations and 327 rejections," and adds, "if numbers constitute the strength and secure the stability of Freemasonry, then indeed are we 'established in strength,' and our guarantee of durability greatly enlarged." But of the two cases above referred to, he says: "which of these two classes have done the best for the promotion of the good of the fraternity, and for the protection of its good name, is submitted for the careful consideration of my brethren."

It appears from the report of this officer that very little attention is paid to the edicts of Grand Lodge by the craft in general, for they are violated, says this officer, "either through

ignorance of their existence, or in contemptuous disregard of the authority of the Grand Lodge."

To counteract the growing evil of the multiplication of Lodges, and to secure a proper observance of the work in new Lodges that may be chartered, the Grand Lodge decided that "no Dispensation shall hereafter be granted for a new Lodge to be held in any county where a chartered Lodge already exists and is at work; and where any Dispensation for a new Lodge shall be granted, it shall be the duty of the grand officer issuing it, to personally examine the proposed W. Master of said new Lodge, and satisfy himself that he is qualified by his skill in the work and his acquaintance with the history and jurisprudence of the Order, to preside and take charge of the destinies of the Lodge."

ILLINOIS.

The twenty-sixth Annual Communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 2nd, 5866. M. W. Bro. H. P. H. Bromwell, Grand Master, presiding; R. W. Bro. Harman G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary. 364 Lodges were represented. The Finance Committee report the receipts as \$20,251.60.

The Grand Master in his address congratulates the craft in the fact that perfect harmony exists throughout the jurisdiction, and abundant prosperity attended the labors of the workmen. He says "never in the history of masonry has there been known or enjoyed by the Craft a season of such prosperity as has been witnessed throughout our country during the year just closed. In this jurisdiction the increase in numbers and means has been unexampled, and at the same time peace and harmony have prevailed beyond all expectation. Internal peace throughout the jurisdiction is met by cordial fraternity between this Grand Lodge and all others throughout the world; in fact every Grand Lodge of the world is at peace with all others. It would seem that, as among masons, the temple of Janus might now be closed."

This Grand Lodge was called to mourn the loss by death of three Past Grand Masters during the past year, M. W. Brothers Helm, Henrick and Hibbard; suitable tributes were paid to their memories by Grand Lodge.

Their is very little in the printed journal of this Grand Lodge requiring notice from your committee, referring in the main to minor local matters; no report on foreign correspondence. M. W. Bro. James R. Gorin was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. H. G. Reynolds re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Indianapolis, May 29th, 5866. M. W. Bro. Harvey G. Hazelrig, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. William Hacker, Grand Secretary. 318 Lodges were represented; total membership reported at 16,254.

The Grand Secretary reports the receipts as being \$19,692 85, and after paying demands against Grand Lodge, with expenses of the session, a balance in hands of Treasurer of \$12,021.15.

In his address the Grand Master congratulates Grand Lodge on the resumption of correspondence with sister Grand Lodges, with whom masonic intercourse had been suspended for four or five years, and expresses the hope that the difficulties which gave rise to non-intercourse, may be remembered only so far as "they are incentives to the cultivation of a closer and more cordial and fraternal union than ever existed before, a union that shall forever remain one and inseparable." "So mote it be."

He acknowledges, through the Grand Secretary, the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Lodges, Canada not being of the number, and of them says, "we find much to approve, but something that to us sounds a little novel;" and adds, "around this large number of independent sovereign bodies, embracing so many thousand members, I believe, with but a single exception, universal peace and harmony prevail. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," is exemplified to its fullest extent; each striving to be happy and communicate happiness to others, particularly to the household of the faithful.

On the subject of "non-affiliation," which has engaged the attention of so many Grand Lodges, he proposes a remedy which he pronounces *short, simple, easy*, and which he thinks will

effectually correct the whole difficulty ; he says " Grand Lodges have only to deprive all those who remain unaffiliated of all masonic rights and privileges, and the evil is cured." He discourses at some length the question of " the status" of persons who have taken the degrees in what are called " Army Lodges," and repudiates the idea that they were clandestinely made, claiming that they are to all intents and purposes legally constituted masons, and as such have a right to recognition, and in our opinion his reasoning is logical and just.

He refers to the criticism of sister Grand Lodges on the law of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which provides for the trial of Grand Master and Masters of Lodges, for official and other misconduct and maintains the soundness of their law, rejecting the assumed doctrine that the Master " can do no wrong." A neat metaphysical question, and the soundness of the position taken is maintained with some show of reason. He seems to think that the system of having District Deputy Grand Masters, such as pursued here and in some other Grand Lodges, works well *only on paper*, and that when there are many workman, all acting " by authority," there is danger of the work in the building being suspended " for the same cause that the Tower of Babel ceased to pursue its upward march—confusion confounded." Our W. Brother views this subject from a wrong stand point, and his comparison is inappropriate, for District Deputy Grand Masters are not independent sovereigns, but merely subordinate commanders of brigades or battalions of the same army, carrying out the instructions issued by the Commander-in Chief, hence all speak the same language, thus avoiding confusion. The advice given by the Grand Master in reference to two evils to some extent prevalent among masons, should be considered by every member of the Craft ; in referring to their intemperance and profanity, he says " how a brother after having passed through the different degrees of Antient Craft Masonry, can indulge in intemperance, with line upon line, precept upon precept, a little here and a little there, and much combined, is, I doubt not, inexplicable to the brother himself. * * The evil of intemperance must cease ; it is without excuse or palliation, it is degrading." Of profanity he says " of

all the frailties of human nature, I have less patience and charity for that of profane swearing than almost all others put together, for many of the improprieties to which our race is subject, some pretext for or plausible palliation of might be conjured up. The falsifier of truth would say that it was excusable, for he thereby saved property, and perhaps, for the time being, reputation; the taker of the property of others might say that it was justifiable for he thereby saved life; but the profane swearer has no pretext whatever, it is to all intents and purposes a biting at the naked hook. All the fine feelings of man revolt at it. The thunders of Mount Zion says, "thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;" the decrees of the church teach that thou shalt not profane the name of thy Creator; all the laws and precepts of masonry proclaim that you shall never mention the name of Deity but with the most reverential awe; nature herself instinctively blushes in the presence of profanity. There is neither time nor place for it, it is an unwelcome intruder wherever it is; then in the name of religion, of masonry, and everything that is good, great and desirable, I appeal to every member of the fraternity to abandon it at once and forever."

The following resolutions were adopted by Grand Lodge :

"That it shall be competent for the subordinate Lodge of which the Grand Master may be a member, to try, suspend or expel him for unmasonic conduct not growing out of his official duties; and when so suspended or expelled, his office of Grand Master will be void, and the officer next in rank shall fill the office.

"A subordinate Lodge has the power to try and suspend or expel its Master for any unmasonic conduct, not growing out of his official duties.

"When a Master of a Lodge is on trial before his Lodge, the officer next in rank, or some Past Master to be designated by him, may, in the absence of the Grand Master or his Deputy, preside.

"When the Master of a Lodge is suspended or expelled, the officer of the Lodge next in rank succeeds to the station."

Also, that "when a brother charged with the commission of an offence shall abscond before due notice shall have been served upon him, the W. Master shall, at the time fixed for trial, appoint a counsel for the accused, and the Lodge proceed to try and determine the case." In common law, the course of procedure laid down in this last resolution is unsound.

IOWA.

The Twenty-third Annual Communication was held at Davenport, June 5th, 5866. M. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, Grand Master, on the throne; R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary. The receipts of the year were \$4,964.25. Disbursements, \$4,727.15. One hundred and eighty-eight Lodges are reported, 119 of which were represented. Number of members—7586, of whom 1,426 were initiated during the past year.

Grand Master Guilbert's address is a lengthy document, covering 34 pages of the printed proceedings; more of a "medico poetical" dissertation on technicalities than a plain epitome of work. Among the many decisions given by this Grand Master there are few of such general import as to require notice at our hands. He holds that a brother who is absent from the regular communication of his Lodge when a candidate is balloted for and *elected*, has the right at the subsequent communication to object to the initiation of the party without giving any reason therefor, and in such objection being raised the candidate cannot be initiated.

In jurisdictions where a *clear ballot* is necessary to elect, and a member is ignorant of the proposal of an objectional party, there might be reason for this ruling; but where one month is required to intervene before a ballot can be taken, and due notice is given to members, ample opportunity is given to the objector to notify the committee, and failing to do so ought not to be allowed, after he has permitted the verdict of the Lodge to be given in favor, to defeat said action without giving a reason. The case is different from a simple ballot, for the candidate has run the gauntlet and passed unscathed through the ordeal, a verdict being given that he was "a fit and proper person."

He holds that if an entered apprentice, in the interim before he receives his second degree, should accidentally sustain a wound which necessitates the amputation of the whole of the second finger on the right hand, cannot be advanced to the second degree, but must remain an entered apprentice; also that a fellow-craft meeting with a similar accident cannot be raised. It is questionable whether a legitimate interpretation of Masonic law will sustain this view of the case. The man is to all intents and purposes a Mason, having been when he was inspected as material for the building "perfect in all his parts," and having been accepted by the master builder, is, after proving himself faithful, entitled to his full reward.

His opinion of "Army Lodges" is that they are "arrant swindles," yet holds that the persons initiated therein were "really masons," and as such entitled to recognition or admission to membership in regular warranted Lodges. This certainly is a strange decision. How a person initiated into a Lodge that is an "arrant swindle," neither working under Dispensation or Warrant, without any legal authority, can be a mason, and entitled to the privileges of masonry passes our comprehension. A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit; if the tree is bad the fruit must be bad: if the Lodge was an "arrant swindle," illegitimate, the children cannot be free born or of mature "masonic age," hence they are none of us. Military Lodges are not however "arrant swindles," and hence the advice of our M. W. Brother to treat their members as masons is legitimate.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence present a very comprehensive report, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Lodges. They refer to the action of several Grand Lodges in reference to the condemnatory resolutions concerning what is, or was, called the "Conservators Association," and give some hard hits at those who say the committee condemned on insufficient evidence, and while they do not in exact terms sanction the "Association" they vindicate the position taken by many of its members. The Canada Grand Lodge is complimented by the committee on its financial standing, who after

quoting the figures given for 1865, says, "this for a Grand Lodge only ten years old, is a fair showing. Under the same system that has prevailed there, and a wise use of its means, the Grand Lodge (Iowa) will be able, in a few years, to wield an amount of influence and do an amount of good that will reflect the highest credit on our society, instead of contenting itself with an annual election and the mere settlement of a few questions of jurisprudence and ritual—a net result as far below our great opportunities, and the duties of our station as the "talking of mint and cummin" is below "pure religion and undefiled."

Election of officers resulted in M. W. Bro. Campbell Kennedy Peck being elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Theodore Sutton Parvin re-elected Grand Secretary.

The thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and it is recommended that the same be tendered by the Grand Secretary, to the Grand Lodge of Iowa for a bound copy of their constitution and code of laws.

KANSAS.

The Eleventh Annual Session was held at Topeka, Oct. 16th, 5866. M. W. Bro. Jacob Saqui, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master being succeeded at the election by M. W. Bro. M. S. Adams. This Grand Lodge has under its jurisdiction 44 Lodges, 32 of whom were represented. Total membership 1470. Receipts \$940.00.

The Grand Master is evidently a man of few words, and his address is brief and pointed. He reports but few decisions during the year, and those of no special general interest. He enjoins on his brethren the necessity of practising that cardinal virtue of masonry, "charity," in conduct and conversation, truthfully remarking that "the order is injured in reputation and obstructed in usefulness by the unfaithfulness of its own children."

This Grand Lodge pursues the course adopted here of appointing District Deputy Grand Masters, and from their reports we learn that the system of Lodge visitation by a recognized officer "well skilled" has had a beneficial effect, in correcting

many errors in the work, and especially the railroad speed adopted by some in rushing material into the building, which system is justly condemned.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a short well written document prepared by the Grand Secretary, a review of 33 Grand Lodges being presented, but our own is not of the number.

KENTUCKY.

The sixty-sixth Annual Communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 15th, 5866. M. W. Bro. M. J. Williams, Grand Master; at subsequent election, M. W. Bro. Isaac T. Martin elected; R. W. Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges—360, of which 301 were represented. Total membership—15,157; initiations—2,494. Receipts for the year, \$26,500.26; resources of Grand Lodge, or assets, \$65,766.85. The proceedings form a volume of 374 pages, while the real transactions of Grand Lodge cover but 98 pages—the balance being lists of Lodges and members.

In his opening address, the Grand Master says:

“Sixty-six years ago, a feeble band of brothers organized the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the pioneer Grand Lodge of the West. The seed then sown, like a grain of mustard seed, was small indeed; but time, the beneficent principles of the Craft, and above all, the favor of our Supreme Grand Master, have caused it to flourish until it has spread out like a mighty tree, under whose pleasant shades thousands of our brethren delight to dwell. * * * * The past year has been one of great activity among the Craft. * * * * In this State, many of the old altars that had been thrown down, and for years lay scattered and in ruins, during the commotions occasioned by the unhappy war which lately raged so fiercely, in which our State was so frequently the battle-ground of contending armies, since peace has extended her white wings over us, have been re-built; and the fires that have been so long extinguished having been re-kindled, are burning again even more brightly than before.”

He reports having granted Dispensations to 30 new Lodges during the year. He informs Grand Lodge that the U. S. Government had paid to the Grand Treasurer \$2,866, for damage done the Masonic Hall at Lexington during its occupancy by the national forces during the war; and recommends both Grand and subordinate Lodges to invest their surplus funds in stock of "The Masonic Savings Institution," lately chartered by the State.

Ten cases of appeal were presented by the Grand Secretary for consideration of Grand Lodge.

The rapid increase of Lodges and large numbers being initiated, instead of impressing Grand Lodge favorably, has, we are pleased to note, given them cause for alarm, and induced them to put forth an effort to check this unhealthy growth.

The following resolution was adopted :

"That the Order of Freemasonry in Kentucky is becoming popularized to such an extent as to place it in imminent peril, by the rapid and unnatural increase of the number of Lodges; and that, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it becomes the imperative duty of the Grand Master to guard with all diligence against granting any Dispensations to establish new Lodges within our border, unless under circumstances of the most imperative nature."

An amendment to their Constitution was made, to the effect that "electioneering in any way for office in the Grand Lodge is positively prohibited; and members guilty of the offence shall be ineligible to office, and an officer, forfeit the office held by him."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary. It is a well-written document, comprising a review of the proceedings of 38 Grand Lodges, ours being of the number. Of our Grand Lodge he speaks as follows: "This Grand Lodge has in operation, like the Grand Lodge of England, a Board of General Purposes, which is, in fact, *the Grand Lodge*, and we fear will ultimately sap the vitality of that Body. The Annual Communications appear to be generally meetings of the

representatives of the subordinate Lodges, principally to ratify the actings and doings of the Board of General Purposes, and carry out its suggestions. Among its acts we notice they had received the proceedings of twenty Grand Lodges; among them we looked in vain for those of Kentucky."

The fears of our worthy brethren lest our Board of General Purposes should sap the vitality of this Grand Lodge are groundless. This Board, composed of certain members of Grand Lodge elected by ballot by the representatives present, and the District Deputy Grand Masters, also men of our own choice, for we elect them, is merely the name of *our* committee who do the work allotted to the eight committees by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and our representatives no more meet to ratify the "doings" of *our* committee than those of Kentucky do to ratify the doings of their eight. The reports of both are subject to criticism, and amendment or rejection. As to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky not being mentioned among those received, it is owing, no doubt, to their failing to reach so far north.

LOUISIANA.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication was held at New Orleans, February 11, 5867. M.W. Bro. Abel J. Norwood, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, re-elected. 196 Lodges are reported, but only 123 have made returns to Grand Lodge, 110 being represented. Total membership 6,128; initiations during the year 118; affiliated 348; dimitted 522. Receipts, \$26,589.90; disbursements, \$25,815.52.

Grand Master Perkins in his annual address congratulates the Craft on the peace and harmony that prevails throughout the jurisdiction, as well as in the fact that the order, if it has not progressed rapidly, has not gone backwards; he says "for myself, I confess my great anxiety has been, not that we should attempt to move forward rapidly, but that we should endeavor quietly to regain, and steadily and firmly hold, our former position, and, so far as practicable, to recover and bring together what had been lost and scattered during the storm."

He reports the death of two Grand Representatives, M. W. Bro. James A. Leitch, of Virginia, and R. W. Bro. A. O. Sullivan, of Missouri; also the death of R. W. Bro. Hon. Bannon G. Thibodaux, and R. W. Bro. A. A. Abney, D. D. G. M., and pays a well merited tribute of respect to their memories.

The Board of Directors of Grand Lodge Hall report having received for rents, &c., \$18,887.73 during the year, while the disbursements were \$8,389.25, giving a net income or profit from this revenue of \$10,498.48.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence present a review of the proceedings of 33 Grand Lodges, our own among the number. There is nothing in this report of special interest requiring notice.

MICHIGAN.

The Annual Communication was held at Adrian, Jan. 9, 5867. M. W. Bro. S. C. Coffinbury, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, both of whom were re-elected. 215 Lodges, 174 of whom were represented. Total membership—13,154, of whom 2,679 were initiated during the past year. Receipts, \$8,367.95. The expenses of the session, paying mileage of representatives, amounted to \$3,935.75.

The report of the Grand Master covers 31 pages of the journal, and refers in the main to local matters. He reports having granted dispensations for 32 new Lodges; "looking solely to the welfare and prosperity of masonry, and the convenience of the brethren." He reports the death of four past officers of the Grand Lodge, General Lewis Cass, P. G. M., Levi Cook, P. G. M., Rev. Sidney S. Brown, P. G. Chaplain, and Seneca Creswell, P. G. Tyler, paying due homage to their memories.

The Grand Secretary, as ex-officio chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents a report reviewing briefly the proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges, our own among the number.

MINNESOTA.

The Twelfth Annual Communication was held at St. Paul, October, 5864. M. W. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. G. W. Prescott, Grand Secretary. Twenty-three Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reports having granted Dispensations for five new Lodges, making the total of Lodges 49. He says he has had repeated applications for authority to confer two or three degrees upon the same candidate at the same communication, all of which he declined granting. On the subject of a uniformity in lectures, he says he cannot see any "particular advantage in a better uniformity in every jurisdiction," but in deference to the opinions of others he suggests, in order to finally settle the question : "a convention of Grand Masters, to be held at the same time and place, with the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, inviting the Grand Master of Canada: should they agree upon a general system, then to present it to his Grand Lodge for their consideration." If such convention was held he says his idea would be, "1st. To abandon the American Lectures (pursuing the work intact) and the adoption of the English system ; or, 2nd. To arrange a new system for both ; or, 3rd. To adopt simply a catechism for the examination of visitors." The Grand Lodge concurred in the suggestion for a convention for the above purposes.

At this communication of Grand Lodge M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Prescott was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Secretary.

The Thirteenth Annual Communication was held, Oct. 24th, 5865, at St. Paul.

M. W. Bro. George W. Prescott re-elected Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. C. W. Carpenter elected Grand Secretary. Thirty-three Lodges were represented. Cash receipts, \$2,097.72.

The Grand Master congratulated Grand Lodge on a full representation, and the assurance of prosperity in this jurisdiction ; he reports several decisions given during the year, one of which we quote being singular ; he decides that "a Lodge

should never admit an E. A. or a F. C. as a visitor merely upon his proving himself in possession of that degree, for to remain in it beyond the reasonable time necessary for advancement should be *prima facie* evidence of unworthiness."

MONTANA.

The second Annual Communication was held at the City of Virginia, Oct. 1st, 5866. M. W. Bro. J. J. Hull, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. W. T. Saunders, Grand Secretary. Number of Lodges 8; total membership 276; receipts \$560.

The Grand Master briefly addressed the Grand Lodge; reported the death of R. W. Bro. T. J. Dismote, Grand Orator, the granting of dispensations for three new Lodges, and recommended the adoption of a law prohibiting the Grand Master from holding any office in a subordinate Lodge during his term of office as Grand Master. The committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledged having received the proceedings of eight Grand Lodges and present a brief review thereof.

MARYLAND.

The Semi-Annual Communication was held at Baltimore, May 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, 5866, (proceedings of Annual Session not received). M. W. Bro. John Coates, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary. Fifty Lodges were represented. Total membership 4,033; initiated during the year 405. Receipts \$4,109.10.

The Grand Master reports that harmony and peace prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and the work carried on without sound of "axe, hammer, or tool of iron," and cautions the Craft in this their day of prosperity to "guard well the door of the temple, lest an enemy enter and sow tares among the wheat and cause the harvest to disappoint the hopes of the good and true."

The Trustees of the "Grand Charity Fund," established for the relief of indigent widows and orphans of masons, report the resources of this fund at \$54,640.72. The committee on

Foreign Correspondence give a review of the proceedings of 21 Grand Lodges, our own among the number, from which full extracts are made. They commend the action of this Grand Lodge in ordering a suitable jewel for the Grand Treasurer, and express astonishment that no acknowledgement is made of the receipt of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, saying "they have been regularly forwarded."

MAINE.

The Annual Communication was held at Portland, May, 5866. M. W. Bro. W. P. Preble, Grand Master, (M. W. Br. T. J. Murray elected subsequently); R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary. No. of Lodges in jurisdiction 131, of which 124 were represented. Total membership 10,075; initiated during the year 1,608; rejected 516. Receipts \$6,319.62; invested for "charity fund," \$13,000.

The Grand Master reports having granted dispensations for eight new Lodges and refusing three. He speaks of there being "a very strong and increasing disposition to multiply Lodges," and refers the matter to Grand Lodge to remedy the evil; he reports having given some fifty decisions during the past year, principally, however, referring to local matters. He reports the death of four past officers of Grand Lodge, Past Grand Masters John T. Paine and John C. Humphreys, and Past Junior Grand Wardens Warren T. K. Osgood and Joseph Covell, and pays a handsome tribute of respect to their memories.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence present a comprehensive review of the proceedings of 34 Grand Lodges, giving a statistical table, compiled from the returns of 28 Grand Lodges, showing the full strength of the Craft in these jurisdictions which foot up 224,274; they estimate the probable number of Masons in the United States at over 300,000. In referring to the number of initiations during the year, the enormous number of 60,000, and the large number of suspensions and expulsions, they are forced to the just conclusion "that the black ball might have been used in former years more than it was with benefit to the fraternity," and say "we would there could be

written on the walls of every Lodge room in the land, in characters of living light, the admonition, **GUARD WELL THE OUTER DOOR,**" the sentiment of which has our most hearty endorsement.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are the most complete documents of the kind of any that have come under our notice, as worthy of imitation by those whose duty it is to present such documents to Grand Lodge in general, a comprehensive report of the position of each Lodge visited is given with a statistical table of the number of members, number initiated, and amount of fees, and amount due Grand Lodge, and details of the character of the work in each.

MISSOURI.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Communication was held at St. Louis, May 28th, 5866. M. W. Bro. John F. Houston, Grand Master; (Rev. John D. Vincil subsequently elected;) R. W. Bro. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary. 204 Lodges, of which 159 were represented. Total membership—9558; receipts, \$6749.20.

The Grand Master in his address refers in pointed language to the innovations sought to be made in the Order, under the name of "progress" and "reform," by "Rob. Morris," and gives a fitting rebuke to all such innovators. He truthfully remarks that our Order knows no progress in the sense of *change*; that while it teaches progressive sciences, because they develop new truths and new principles, and new applications of old truths and old principles, yet an attempt to change the landmarks of the Order, which have existed from time immemorial, can find no favor with the true Mason. He refers to the "irregularly" making of Masons in what are called "Army Lodges," which occurred during the war, and condemns the system as being "undignified, and not in accordance with the honor of Freemasonry." He refers at some length to the importance of the brethren observing with more fidelity that great cardinal virtue of the Order—"Temperance,"—and speaks plainly of the non-observance of that virtue in that jurisdiction. His remarks are so *a propos*, that were it not for their length we would reproduce them; for the advice given would not be

inapplicable to some in our own jurisdiction. The too frequent practice of indulging in those soul-destroying beverages by Masons cannot be too strongly condemned; and the practice of having so-called "refreshments" at Lodge-rooms should be prohibited. It is hoped that this subject will receive more attention from our brethren in the future.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence present a review of the proceedings of 33 Grand Lodges, our own among the number. In presenting their report they say,—“We have endeavored to adhere strictly and impartially to the well-settled and conservative course adopted by our venerable predecessor, (Anthony O’Sullivan, Grand Secretary, who had for years prepared reports on this subject,) knowing no friends or enemies, no sections, politics, or creeds; nothing but the one great idea of *Masonic unity*.” They further remark in reference to some of the proceedings coming before them, that they have found “that some of the Grand Lodges during the first years of war and passion have ‘fallen into the hands of the Philistines,’—the politicians—and these Lodges at our hands are entitled to no quarter, and receive none. If there is one creature on the face of God’s earth that is more of an intolerable curse to vital and legitimate Freemasonry than another, it is a politician who has not the common sense or common decency to keep his political or sectional views to himself, without intruding them into the sanctity of the Lodge-room, Grand or Subordinate, either in public addresses or private discussions.” A pretty hard hit at some of our over-zealous brethren.

Since the annual communication of this Grand Lodge, the Craft in Missouri have been called to mourn the loss by death of their most efficient and venerable Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Anthony O’Sullivan, who was called home on the 11th of August, 1866. A special communication of Grand Lodge was convened, and he was buried with Grand Masonic honors on the 13th of the same month, a suitable memorial being prepared by Grand Lodge to his memory,—the receipt of which in pamphlet form we acknowledge; also a circular from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter on the same subject, M. W. Bro. A. O’Sullivan having been Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand Lodge holds Quarterly Communications, the proceedings from March 4th to Dec. 27th, 5866, in one volume have been before us. At the quarterly meeting of March, June, September, and the annual of Dec. 13th, M. W. Bro. Charles C. Dome, Grand Master, presided, at the last R. W. Bro. Wm. Pakman was elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Charles W. Moore, Grand Secretary.

The quarterly meetings appear to have been unimportant in point of interest outside of that jurisdiction, the business transacted being merely receiving of reports from committees on matters that are attended to here by the "Board of General Purposes." The Annual Communication is given as the 133rd. One hundred and sixty Lodges were reported in the jurisdiction with a membership of 16,000. The Grand Master in his address gives a historical description of masonry in Massachusetts, from the granting of the original charter or "commission" by Lord Montague, Grand Master of England in 1733, to the present. He speaks of the past year as having been "one of unceasing activity." He refers to the number of rejections, saying "that about one third of all who are proposed for admission are rejected," and declares that "this is out of all just proportion, and the logical deduction from it is, that many are rejected from improper motives, or that our brethren are too careless in bringing forward candidates for admission;" this certainly is a sad state of affairs and requires the serious consideration of the craft, that an efficient remedy for the evil may be promptly administered.

We look in vain for any financial statement of this Grand Lodge, or a semblance of a report from the Grand Secretary. At the quarterly meeting in March, we notice that the committee who had the Grand Master's address under consideration, condemn the extravagance of the expenditures in the administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge, they saying that "with an income for the year 1865, amounting in round numbers to \$8,000, the committee find the sum of \$2,700 expended in charities, and

about \$4 000 in miscellaneous expenses, including the expenses of the Grand Master and suite in making official visits," and they call attention to these facts as "growing evils" calling for the action of Grand Lodge for their suppression.

NEVADA.

The Second Annual Communication was held at the City of Virginia, September, 5866. M. W. Bro. Joseph DeBell, Grand Master, (M. W. Bro. John C. Currie elected); V. W. Bro. Robert H. Taylor, Grand Secretary. Number of Lodges, 11, nine of which were represented. Total membership—652; initiated during the year, 126. Receipts \$2,493.70.

The Grand Master reports having granted one dispensation for a new Lodge at great Salt Lake City in the Mormon territory, out of which a correspondence arose as to "how Mormons are to be treated who claim to be masons," when they "present themselves for examination, and ask the privilege of visiting," to which the Grand Master replies as follows: "the right to visit is not an inalienable right, but it may be temporarily lost or impaired; for instance a suspended or expelled mason loses that right until he is restored; again, one that has been convicted of crime, although no charges may have been preferred against him, should not be permitted to sit with 'the just and true,' and why? simply because the peace and harmony of the Lodge would be disturbed; so, one known to be living in the daily violation of what is known as the proprieties and decencies of life, setting at nought the moral law as laid down in that great light that is ever open upon our altars, should by the same rule be excluded from our assemblies; therefore, you will take notice that Mormons, claiming to be masons, be excluded from the right of visiting, and also that the petitions for the degrees of masonry shall not be received from any person who is known to be a Mormon."

The committee on Foreign Correspondence present a review of the proceedings of twenty Grand Lodges, our own being of the number, and from which copious extracts are made.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Semi-Annual Communication was held December 27th, 1865. The Annual Communication was held June 13th, 5866, at Concord. M. W. Bro. J. Everett Sargent, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Horace Chare, Grand Secretary. M. W. Bro. John H. Rouel elected Grand Master at Session 1866.

Number of Lodges—62. Membership—4712; initiated during the year—709. Fifty-seven Lodges were represented at the annual communication. Receipts during the year, \$1,156.85.

The Grand Master reports having granted Dispensations to form six new Lodges; and congratulates Grand Lodge on the fact that the spirit of innovation and change in reference to the work and lectures does not prevail to any extent in that jurisdiction. He refers, however, to certain parties having published what purported to be the work of New Hampshire, and the sale thereof to Lodges; and his having issued an edict forbidding the Lodges to purchase said work. On this subject the Grand Lodge decided as follows: "That any Mason within this jurisdiction who shall hereafter sell, buy, lend or use any printed books purporting to contain the Masonic work, shall be liable to suspension or expulsion." It would be well if this law was strictly enforced in every jurisdiction, for the peddling of such works is by far too common, and many are deceived thereby.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of thirty Grand Lodges, ours being of the number.

NEBRASKA.

The Eighth Annual Communication was held at Brownsville, June 22d, 5865. M. W. Bro. Daniel H. Wheeler, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary. Nine Lodges in jurisdiction, eight being represented. Membership—398; initiated during the year—125. Receipts, \$1,100.25.

The receipt of the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Lodges is acknowledged; and the names of the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of each are given.

NEW JERSEY.

The Eighteenth Annual Communication was held January, 5867. M. W. Bro. Wm. Silas Whitehead, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary. Number of Lodges—80, of which 74 were represented. Membership—5986 ; receipts, \$3,844.

The Grand Master in his annual address reports the death of P. G. Master Edward Stewart, and pays him the highest eulogy, in saying that “ much of the prosperity of the masonic institution in this jurisdiction is attributable to his labors ; he took charge of the Craft in a time of great despondency and gloom, and by his energy and enthusiasm infused new life and ambition into the brethren.” The work in this jurisdiction is under the supervision of a “ Grand Lecturer,” and the Grand Master congratulates Grand Lodge on the great uniformity that exists among the Lodges in this particular, of the work itself he says, “ it is not exceeded in correctness and beauty by any which I have seen exemplified. It is smooth in delivery, concise in its phraseology, correct in its grammatical construction, and conformable in its structure and allusions to the letter of scripture and the traditions of the Craft.”

On reading the above we were led to ask can it be that this jurisdiction has a masonic work peculiarly its own, and unknown to other jurisdictions, and we involuntarily exclaim, happy New Jersey to be thus highly favoured above all her sisters. It is said however that “ there is no rose without a thorn,” and it appears that while they have so complete “ work,” they are defective in some other points, for the Grand Master says “ as I cast my eyes over this large assembly, representing all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, the varieties of Masonic clothing presented to my view are as numerous as the Lodges represented. Aprons with square corners, and aprons with round corners, white aprons, and aprons whose whiteness are marred by printers’ ink ; aprons bound with blue, and aprons not bound ; aprons of cotton, of linen, of silk, of satin, of velvet, and alas, too rarely, aprons of pure white lambskin. Jewels pendant from the collar, and jewels pendant from the lappel of the coat, broad blue

ribbons and narrow blue ribbons ; white collars and blue collars ; collars with gorgeous fringe and collars without gorgeous fringe ; collars of silk, of satin, of velvet, and no collars at all ; collars glittering with tinsel embroidery, with tinsel rosettes, and with tinsel stars ; all combine to present a view as variegated and brilliant as the changing combinations of the kaleidscope." Verily here is presented a perfect babel, a direct counterpart of the uniformity of their " perfect work."

The Grand Master cautions Lodges against applying to the Legislature for acts of incorporation, saying that such " incorporation of masonic bodies is subversive of the true principles of masonic government and inimical to the prosperity and perpetuity of the institution." The soundness of their opinion will be apparent to every observant mason. Among the Grand Master's decisions we note the following : " the W. M. has the right to place either of his Wardens, or a brother from the floor, in the east, and permit him to confer either of the degrees."

A review of the proceedings of 28 Grand Lodges is given by the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Quarterly Communication was held June 8th, 5866, and the Annual, June 21st, 5866, at Halifax. M. W. Bro. Wm. H. Davies, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Chas. J. Macdonald, Grand Secretary. Number of Lodges 11, of which 6 were represented. Membership 308.

The annual address of the Grand Master, and the report of the Grand Secretary, refer mainly to the organization of the Grand Lodge and the causes leading to such a step.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Communication was held at Raleigh, Dec. 3rd, 5866. M. W. Bro. Edwin G. Reed, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. W. T. Bain, Grand Secretary. Total number of Lodges—178, of which 122 were represented. Total membership 10,992 ; receipts, \$1,914.

The Grand Master congratulates Grand Lodge on the fraternal relations existing with other Grand Lodges, and that notwithstanding "the play of angry passions and the carnage of armies," Masonry has worn her lambskin as she wears it to day, "without spot or blemish."

A special communication of this Grand Lodge was held Feb. 2nd, 1867, to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of R. W. Bro. T. Bain, Grand Secretary, who departed this life February 1st., 5867.

OREGON.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication was held at Portland, June 18th, 5866. M. W. Bro. A. W. Ferguson elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. E. Rutherford, re-elected Grand Secretary. Twenty-seven Lodges were represented. Total number of Lodges—27; membership—1,120. Receipts, \$2,534.10.

The Grand Master's report refers principally to local matters. He reports a case of a dimit having been granted to an E. A.; and decides that the proceeding was irregular, a M. M. only being entitled to a dimit.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the P. G. M., (A. Holbrook, who for eight years has done duty in this capacity). He presents a review of the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, ours being of the number.

OHIO.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Communication was held at Toledo, October 16th, 5866. M. W. Bro. Thomas Sparrow, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary. 318 Lodges were represented; total Lodges reported—328; receipts, \$10,699.12. Of the finances the committee "on ways and means" says the expenses will exceed the receipts by \$3,000.

The Grand Master reports the death of three P. G. Masters, M. W. Bro. Thomas Corwin; M. W. Bro. Wm. Blackston Hubbard, and M. W. Bro. Gen. Lewis Cass; and the having granted dispensations for twelve new Lodges.

The Grand Lodge decided that the "officers of a Lodge cannot be installed by proxy; a brother who was elected to office in a Lodge and installed by proxy cannot serve in the office to which he was elected; a brother who was elected and served as a Warden of a Lodge, but was never installed except by proxy, is not eligible to the office of Worshipful Master."

2nd. "A brother who is a petitioner for a new Lodge, and in the Dispensation is appointed W. M. of such Lodge, and who is also a member of a Lodge recommending the establishment of such new Lodge, is not eligible to office in such recommending Lodge."

On the question of masonic intercourse with persons living in the state who have been made masons in the District of Columbia, the Grand Lodge decided as follows: "that all masonic intercourse between the members of the fraternity in this state, and of persons residing in this state who have been made masons in any Lodge in said District of Columbia, or in any other State of the United States, during the continuance of such residence in this State, without the unanimous consent, by ballot, of the Lodge in this State, within whose jurisdiction such person resides, is hereby absolutely interdicted and forbidden."

A review of the proceedings of 29 Grand Lodges is presented by the committee on Foreign Correspondence, but no notice of Canada though the proceedings were sent.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Annual Communication was held at Providence, Nov. 27th, 5865. M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Charles D. Greene, Grand Secretary. Fourteen Lodges were represented; total Lodges—20; membership—2,350; initiated during the year—228; receipts, \$1,415; expenditure, \$1,908.90. The Semi-Annual Communication was held June 25th, 5866, the principal business of which was to install the officers elected at the annual communication.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Communication was held at Charleston, Nov.

20th, 5866. M. W. Bro. Jas. L. Orr, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, elected Grand Secretary. Thirty-eight Lodges were represented ; list of Lodges not given and no data as to total membership. Receipts, \$1,357.50.

Dispensations were granted for seventeen Lodges during the past year.

TENNESSEE.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication was held at Nashville, Oct. 1st, 5866. Nine Lodges were represented. Owing to the prevalence of cholera the Grand Lodge adjourned until Dec. 3rd, when it was convened at the same place. M. W. Bro. Joseph M. Anderson, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary. 102 Lodges represented ; total Lodges—248 ; membership—13,724. Receipts, \$5,882.75.

The Grand Master reports having granted dispensations for nine new Lodges, all of which were duly chartered. He says he had received three applications for the initiation of persons who had lost an arm, to all of which he replied in the negative, the ancient landmarks providing only for the receiving of the perfect man. He recommends the founding of an Asylum for the care of aged and infirm masons, their widows and orphans. He calls attention to the completion by the committee of "the Masonic Text Book," and recommends it to Grand Lodge ; a copy of this work has been presented to this Grand Lodge, and we recommend that the thanks of this Body be tendered the Grand Lodge of Tennessee by the Grand Secretary for the same.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence presents a review of the proceedings of 34 Grand Lodges, ours being of the number, and copious extracts being given. It is questionable however whether extensive extracts from the journals of different Grand Lodges, especially their views on points of law do not have a tendency to mislead rather than enlighten the craft, outside of the jurisdiction where such decisions on points of law are given, the views of Grand Lodges in local matters being so different.

TEXAS.

The Thirtieth Annual Communication was held at the city of Houston, June 11th, 5866. M. W. Bro. Richard Duglass, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Geo. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary. Number of Lodges—266; of which 139 were represented. Total membership—10,025. Initiations—750. Receipts—\$3,855.50.

The Grand Master reports the demise of M. W. P. G. M., A. S. Ruthven, who departed this life July, 1865. Dispensations for five new Lodges were granted. He reports the removal of all impediments to a free interchange of masonic courtesies, between that Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges, which existed during the war.

A review of the proceedings of 28 Grand Lodges is given by the committee on Foreign Correspondence, ours not being of the number. The committee refer to the "Conservator's Association," and express as their conviction, that "no Mason should be tolerated in teaching in this jurisdiction any other than our own Grand Lodge work; certain expulsion should follow the offence, and our brethren should not follow strange idols." In speaking of the turmoil and strife caused by the war, the committee close their report in the following appropriate language:

"But may we not hope, that as the mission of Masonry is more fully comprehended, and the pure principles of brotherly love and charity become more generally diffused, the harmony of these designs, drawn though they may be by different artificers, will be excelled only by that of the craftsmen in their execution, from those labouring in the quarries to those engaged upon the polished corners of the temple, or in erecting the cape-stone, until the grand structure, now painfully replete with evidences of jarring and discord, will ultimately be 'fitly framed together,' fitting with exact nicety in all its parts—a holy Temple, acceptable unto the Lord; when within its sacred precincts the 'wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the young lion and the ox and the fattling together, and a little child shall lead them.' When the swords shall be broken into ploughshares and the spears into pruning hooks,

'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;' and when all shall realize that He hath made of one blood all men, to dwell together upon the face of the earth.'

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Communication was held at Richmond, Dec. 10th, 5866. M. W. Bro. Edward H. Lane, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary. Number of Lodges—219, of which 84 were represented; total membership—7,019. Receipts, \$3,416.75.

There is very little in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge of interest to the craft in general. Attention is called by the Grand Master to the existence of what is called the "Grand Lodge of West Virginia," and the committee to whom the matter was referred reported, recommending that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia be recognized when satisfaction is given "that a full majority of the thirty-three active Lodges in the boundary of West Virginia, holding charters from this Grand Lodge, (Virginia,) shall desire to separate from us and unite with the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and shall return their charters and pay up their dues to this Grand Lodge to December, 1865."

The following resolution was also adopted, "that hereafter no dispensation for the organization of a new Lodge, or the revival of an old one, shall be issued, unless in addition to the preliminaries now required, applicants shall present the recommendation of the D. D. Grand Master, certifying that the officers named are competent to superintend the work and confer the degrees, including the lectures."

The committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, and give the names of the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of each. Of the proceedings the committee says, that owing to their size they (the committee) have not undertaken to read them through, and yet without putting themselves in a proper position to judge, express their opinion of them as follows: "Many of them are too large in size, and contain matter irrelevant to our institution, indeed they are really *de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis*.

" Politics, poetry, personal and sectional prejudice, with a small amount of masonry sprinkled in to add a flavor, appear to constitute the most of them. In most of them the Grand Masters and Committees on Foreign Correspondence are simply ventilating their rhetoric, while resolving themselves into mutual admiration or crimination societies." Verily this is masonically modest, this wholesale condemnation of the acts of brethren without taking the trouble to even read what they have to say.

VERMONT.

The Annual Communication was held at Rutland, January 10th, 5866. M. W. Bro. L. B. Englesby, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary. 70 Lodges were represented; total Lodges in the jurisdiction—82; members—5,585. Receipts—\$1,893 by the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer received from other sources—\$2,120; total—\$4,013.

The Grand Master announces the death of P. G. S. W. Bro. Thos. Henderson Campbell, who was also P. G. H. P. of the R. A. C. of that State.

He decides that the S. D. and J. D. under the laws of that State be elected.

That "it is a serious cause of complaint that any brother should attempt to keep persons out of a Lodge by rejecting them, because the elected officers do not suit him."

That "Masonic trials must be had before the whole Lodge, it having been specially convened for that purpose."

That "it is competent for a M. M. to object to the advancement of a candidate after he has received the first or second degree, if he has been guilty of any misconduct unbecoming a Mason, such as would subject him to trial and discipline."

That "it is the prerogative of the Master of a Lodge, and duty as well, to cause all matters important to be considered, to lie over one communication for deliberate action thereon; also to postpone the taking of a vote, when, in his opinion, the good of the Craft required the exercise of more and careful deliberation; being liable to the Grand Lodge for all improper use or abuse of such prerogative."

That "the granting of a charter to sundry brethren for a new Lodge, of itself limits from the Lodges to which they belonged, those whose names are mentioned in the charter; otherwise would be presented the anomaly of belonging to two Lodges at the same time."

From this last it is seen that Vermont does not hold to a dual or plurality of relations by members. Such is not the case with us.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is a voluminous document, covering 136 pages of the journal. The proceedings of 22 Grand Lodges are referred to, and most copious extracts given. Of our Grand Lodge they wish for an explanation for the "initiation of men of nonage," seeing that we require a dispensation to initiate a candidate under 21 years of age. Your committee, in explanation of this practice, would state that Masonry only requires a man to be of *mature and discreet* age; and as this is a well-recognized fact, the Order in various countries have adopted different ages for the reception of candidates, according to circumstances, and these are sometimes based upon the laws of each country which determine the age of *legal* maturity; as, for instance, Scotland initiates at the age of eighteen years; France at twenty years; England, twenty-one years, with a reservation in its Constitution which allows its Grand Master, by dispensation, to authorize the initiation of a candidate at an earlier age under peculiar and pressing circumstances. The Constitution of our Grand Lodge recognizes the same principle.

WISCONSIN.

The Twenty-third Annual Communication was held at Milwaukie, June 12th, 5866. M. W. Bro. M. L. Youngs, elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. W. T. Palmer, re-elected Grand Secretary. 139 Lodges were represented. Total membership—7,675. Receipts—5,169.66. Dispensations were granted during the year for thirteen new Lodges.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we learn that in some parts of this jurisdiction matters are at loose ends. He reports the following errors:

1st. "Masters have been accustomed to obligate more than one candidate at the same time."

2nd. "Masters have been installed, and have assumed charge of Lodges, without receiving the Past Master's Degree."

3rd. "Masters have convened Lodges at unseasonable hours, and with insufficient notice given."

4th. "Lodges have been in the habit of omitting portions of Obligations."

5th. "Lodges have taken but one ballot for the three degrees."

6th. "Lodges have met in rooms insecure against the approach of evesdroppers."

7th. "Lodges have neglected to properly instruct candidates in the Lectures before advancing them."

8th. "Army-made Masons have been initiated, passed and raised in one evening."

9th. "The Middle Chamber work has been omitted."

10th. "The apron has been improperly worn in the second and third degrees."

11th. "The book known as 'Mnemonics' has been in use in several Lodges."

A brief review of the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Lodges, our own included, is given by the committee on Foreign Correspondence; who, in view of evils prevailing, caution the Craft in the following words: "Our numbers are increasing, and the Masters of Lodges cannot be too careful in impressing upon the brethren the greatest degree of caution in balloting for and receiving into the Lodge members of the Order. There is also danger abroad—we mean danger to the Craft. The land is flooded with spurious books, pretending to divulge the secrets and rituals of the Craft. While the thoroughly instructed Mason cannot be imposed upon by anything to be derived from these false and pretentious publications, yet the careless and uninformed may be deceived and imposed upon; and thus, in localities, our institution brought into disrepute, if not disgrace."

They further caution the Craft against supposing that because a man wears a masonic pin or emblem he is a Mason, for in a great many instances such is not the case, these trinkets being sold at almost every railroad station.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The Ninth Annual Communication was held at Olympia, September 19th, 5866. M. W. Bro. T. M. Reed, elected Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Wood, Grand Secretary. Eleven Lodges and 347 members. Receipts—\$697.75. Dispensations for two new Lodges were granted during the past year.

Grand Lodge decided that no subordinate Lodge would be permitted "to hold its meetings in a frame building occupied by a private family, when the voice can be heard throughout the building."

The Grand Secretary in referring to the general position of the Craft says: "As compared with former years, it may be said that a general dullness in 'matters masonic' seems to have pervaded almost the entire jurisdiction. Some Lodges have done no work, others but little, while two or three have maintained their accustomed prosperity. Upon the whole the membership in a majority of the Lodges appears rather to have diminished than increased, the aggregate in all being only four members more than the total reported last year. A larger number of deaths have been reported than in any previous year."

The Grand Secretary asks Grand Lodge to anxiously consider whether "there has not been too much indifference, and too little regard paid to the importance of the early establishment, upon a firm basis, of a practical and healthful system of economy in the pecuniary affairs of the Grand Lodge, with a view to its future usefulness, efficiency and prosperity;" and recommends the practising of a closer system of frugality, reducing their expenses so as to enable them to pay "cash down" and leave a balance on hand for charitable purposes. To give this recommendation practical force he very generously donated \$150, out of the \$250 allowed him as salary, to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, for the committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Lodges, ours being of the number, and gives a brief review of a portion of them; the prominent feature being extracts of the notices given of the difficulty between that Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Oregon, relative to jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION.

The labors of your committee are ended. The task was undertaken with much diffidence and reluctance, and with a full knowledge of what would be required at our hands. The result is before you with all its imperfections. We have endeavored to be as concise as possible, and at the same time, give the essentials culled from the various proceedings. We have read some thousands of pages, some of them with interest, breathing as they do the true masonic principle of charity and brotherly love, and others containing much that had better not have been written, or when once written, of being reprinted in other jurisdictions, calling forth rejoinders equally painful. On the whole however our task, though somewhat laborious, has been a pleasant one, and we arise from its completion stronger in the Faith, and more thoroughly imbued with the beauties of the Craft than when we commenced.

J. W. FERGUSON,

Chairman Com. F. C.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on to-morrow, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, July 11th, 1867.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 10 o'clock,
A. M.

M. W. Bro. W. Mercer Wilson, Grand Master.

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The rough minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its first day's session were read and approved.

It was moved by W. Bro. John Clarke, seconded by V. W. Bro. N. Allan Gamble, and

RESOLVED,—That a copy of the charge preferred by an officer of Stanbridge Lodge against a P. D. D. G. M. of Montreal, be sent to the Brother so charged, and that such further action be taken in the matter as the M. W. Grand Master may deem expedient.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, as representative for the Grand Orient of Cuba, M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, as representative for the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, as representative for the Grand Orient of Portugal, presented their credentials and warrants of appointment for those several Grand Bodies, which were received and acknowledged by Grand Lodge, the brethren were saluted with the customary grand honors, and invited to a seat on the Dais.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Drummond, representative for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, entered Grand Lodge, and was saluted and invited to a seat on the Dais.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. F. C. Dettmers, and seconded by V. W. Bro. John King,

That a Committee be immediately appointed to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge in procuring a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, for his valuable services rendered to Masonry, and that said Committee have full power to act.

In amendment,

It was moved by W. Bro. Dr. Turquand, seconded by V. W. Bro. N. Allan Gamble, and

RESOLVED,—That a testimonial be presented to M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M., for valuable services rendered to Masonry; and that the sum of \$200 of the Grand Lodge funds be set apart to defray the expense of the same.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, President, submitted, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, the following annual

R E P O R T .

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report, that during the month of August last, communication was opened between the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board, regarding the propriety of investing a portion of the funds of Grand Lodge in the new issue of Government Debentures bearing seven per centum per annum.

The Constitution, however, does not confer discretionary power upon any Grand Lodge officer to interfere with the management of its funds, the charge of the finances of Grand Lodge being vested in the Board, it was deemed advisable to convene a special meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering this important subject. The meeting was held at Montreal, on Thursday, the 6th day of September, 1866, and as a large number of those members of the Board who could not be present sent letters stating their opinions on this matter a very full expression of the views of the Board was had in regard thereto. The correspondence on the subject was laid before the meeting, and the question having been fully discussed, the following was the resolution unanimously adopted, viz :

The Board having had under consideration the question of the investment of Grand Lodge funds, now deposited in the Simcoe branch of the Gore Bank, is of opinion that the new issue of Government 7 per cent Debentures combines ample security with a much higher rate of interest than that now obtained; and the Board therefore resolve, that it is desirable that Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) should be invested in the Debentures above referred to, and that the President be authorized to

take the necessary steps to carry out this resolution, the Debentures to be deposited for safe-keeping in the Bank of Montreal, and to be withdrawn only on the written order of the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the time being.

The Board has pleasure in stating that \$16,000 of the available funds of Grand Lodge have been invested in Debentures as above stated, and trust this action of the Board will meet the concurrence of Grand Lodge.

The Board has also to report that its Semi-Annual Meeting was held at the Town of Port Hope, on Tuesday, the 12th day of February, 1867, when the annual statements of the Grand Secretary, with Books, &c., and the annual statements of the Grand Treasurer, for the financial year ending 30th December, 1866, were examined, and compared with the vouchers, and found correct.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The receipts, as per Grand Secretary's statement, show an amount of \$6,923.86 derived from the following sources :

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| For Certificates..... | \$1,978 00 |
| Dues | 3,220 66 |
| Fees | 1,156 50 |
| Dispensations..... | 162 00 |
| Warrants | 80 00 |
| Constitutions | 302 95 |
| Union Ribbon | 1 50 |
| Printed Proceedings | 22 25 |
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| | \$6,923 86 |

Say six thousand nine hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty-six cents.

The Grand Treasurer's statement to 30th December, 1866, show to the credit of Grand Lodge the following amounts :

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| General Fund account..... | \$12,828 04 |
| Fund of Benevolence investment acc't. | 7,230 53 |
| " " current " | 390 64 |
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| | \$20,449 21 |

Invested as follows :

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| Government Debentures, bearing 7 per cent. interest | \$16,000 00 |
| Middlesex Debentures, bearing 6 per cent. interest..... | 1,600 00 |
| Cash in Gore Bank bearing 4 per cent. interest on call..... | 2,849 21 |
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| | \$20,449 21 |

Say twenty thousand four hundred and forty-nine dollars and twenty-one cents.

And there is also at credit in the Gore Bank a sum of \$161.94, belonging to the Asylum Fund, payable to the order of the Masonic Asylum Trust at call.

The Board having examined the following accounts, directed them to be paid :

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| Messrs. W. C. Chewett & Co., for printing Certificates, &c. | \$343 75 |
| “ T. & R. White, for printing Proceedings, Constitutions, &c..... | 416 50 |
| “ Richard Haigh, binding Constitutions, &c.. | 145 25 |
| “ William Brown & Co., envelopes, &c. | 7 94 |
| Thomas Myles, coals..... | 17 75 |
| Masonic Mirror and Magazine | 7 78 |

Incidental Expense Account, say :

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| Postages, telegrams, express charges, cleaning office, wood, stationery, insurance, &c., &c. | \$194 10 |
| Less bal. on hand, Dec. 1865, . | \$30 60 |
| Cash in February, 1866..... | 100 00 |
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| | \$130 60 |
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| | 63 50 |
| Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretaty's Office.. | 150 00 |
| Grand Secretary's expenses at Annual Communication, Montreal..... | 28 10 |
| Express charges, stationery, portorage, &c., &c., at Annual Communication..... | 9 15 |

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| Tylers' fees, Bros. Clough and Holywell.... | 14 00 |
| Grand Treasurer's account for postages and incidentals..... | 6 18 |
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| | \$1,209 90 |

The Board has directed the Grand Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$659.71 of the general funds of Grand Lodge to the Benevolent Investment Fund, as per resolution of Grand Lodge at page 550, p. p. for 1864, it being 10 per cent. of \$6,923.86, the receipts for the year, less \$326.70 paid on account of Constitutions and Printed proceedings.

The Board noticing that three or four Lodges have been in arrears for some considerable time, and having been informed that such Lodges had been once summoned to show cause why such arrearages were not paid, and they having failed to appear or pay up the arrears of dues, the Grand Secretary was directed to issue a peremptory summons to such defaulting Lodges, requiring them to attend at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, unless previously settled, to show cause why their Warrants of Constitution should not be cancelled, and their numbers erased from the roll of Lodges on the registry of Grand Lodge.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board had under consideration several applications for assistance, and after due deliberation made the following appropriations, to be paid from the fund at the disposal of the Board for benevolent purposes, viz :

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| To the widow of our deceased Bro. C. F. G——,..... | \$40 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman. | |
| To the orphans of our deceased Bro. W——,..... | 50 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. Thistle Lodge, No. 34. | |
| To the widow of our deceased Bro. C——,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. Beaver Lodge, No. 83. | |
| To Bro. C——, | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. Enniskillen Lodge, York. | |

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| To the widow of our deceased Bro. B——,..... | 25 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. Union Lodge, No. 7. | |
| To the widow of our deceased Bro. W——,..... | 25 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. Union Lodge, No. 7. | |
| To the widow of our deceased Bro. D——,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the R.W. Bro. Grand Chaplain. | |
| To the widow of our deceased Bro. C——,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi. | |
| To Bro. W——,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. Curtis. | |
| To Bro. M——,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. Curtis. | |
| To Bro. G——,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. DeGrassi. | |
| To the orphans of our deceased Bro. C——,..... | 40 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. Milne. | |
| To the widow of our deceased Bro. C——, Detroit,.... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. Grand Treasurer. | |
| To Bro. G——, | 40 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson. | |
| To Bro. H——,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson. | |

The Board would again intimate its earnest desire that in future all applications for relief should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary previously to the meetings of the Board; and that these applications should be accompanied by a statement of the circumstances of the applicant and the aid already afforded by Lodges or individuals. The Board also intimates that preference will hereafter be given to these cases wherein these suggestions have been complied with.

APPEALS.

The Board had under its consideration the matter having reference to an appeal made by V. W. Bro. Wm. Graham, on behalf of True Blue Lodge, No. 98, against the decision rendered by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, and which involved a long disputed

question of complaint against the Western Light Lodge, No. 13. The Board having given a very patient hearing to all the evidence adduced ; resolved :

That the Board having again had under consideration the appeal of V. W. Bro. Wm. Graham against the decision of the R. W. the D. D. G. M. for the Toronto District, in regard to the difficulty between the Western Light and True Blue Lodges, and carefully examined into all the matters in dispute from their origin in 1857, the Board are of opinion that considerable misconception must have existed in regard to the relative position of the brethren forming these Lodges, previous to their connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that the questions involved, originally of no great magnitude, have been greatly complicated by the long period which has since elapsed. The many peculiar features which the case now presents renders it exceedingly desirable that a satisfactory solution of these difficulties should be speedily arrived at, and the Board consider that this will be best accomplished by a transfer of the Warrant of Western Light Lodge to the brethren of True Blue Lodge, in the event of an application being made to that effect, and they therefore recommend this course for the adoption of Grand Lodge.

The Board begs to report that the matter of appeal made by R. W. Bro. Henry Groff on behalf of Bro. L. G. Sovereign against the decision of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10 Simcoe was brought before it and considered. R. W. Bro. Matheson appeared on behalf of the Norfolk Lodge and submitted the papers in connection with the case ; Bro the Hon. M. H. Foley was present on behalf of Bro. A. A. Merrill

When the following resolution was adopted :

That the Board having heard the documents read in relation to the appeal made by Bro. L. G. Sovereign against the decision of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10 sustain the action had by the Lodge and dismiss the appeal ; and would remark that had the matter been referred to Norfolk Lodge in the first place, instead of having recourse to legal proceedings, much ill feeling and expense would have been avoided.

The Board further begs to report, with reference to the case of appeal made by V. W. Bro. F. C. Dettmers against the decision of the D. D. G. M. for the Montreal District, in suspending him from the privileges of the order on a charge of unmasonic conduct; that in consequence of the appellant having failed to conform with the requirements of the Constitution by furnishing a copy of his appeal to the party whose decision had been appealed against, the matter could not be then inquired into.

The Board thereupon directed the Grand Secretary to forward a copy of said appeal to R. W. Bro. R. Bull, D. D. G. M., and also at an early day to transmit to the M. W. Grand Master the documents and papers having reference to the case with a letter explaining the reason why the Board could not adjudicate upon the matter, and desiring that the M. W. Grand Master would himself be pleased to render judgment thereon.

The Board having examined the papers in connection with the suspension of Bro. Jonathan Lane of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96 and recommending him for expulsion, directed the Grand Secretary to return them as being insufficient and defective, and at the same time to request that a full and complete report of the proceedings be forwarded.

MASONIC ASYLUM.

The Board had under consideration the following report of the Masonic Asylum Trust:

To the Board of General Purposes:

The Masonic Asylum Trust beg to report that application was made in September last for Provincial Debentures, as the best investment they could make for the funds under their control. The object was effected,—the Trust holding the certificates of the Deputy Receiver General, under date the 20th September, 1866, for \$3,800.00, bearing interest at 7 per cent., payable half-yearly from 1st September, 1866.

The balance at the credit of the Trust, in Bank of Montreal, here, is \$14.18.

The Trust exceedingly regret that little or nothing has been done by Lodges towards augmenting the funds applicable to the erection of the contemplated Asylum during the past three years.

On the 2nd October, 1863, the first deposit to the credit of the Trust was made, amounting to \$1,539.00. To that amount Grand Lodge has since added \$2,000.00, so that the increase during the past three years has been less than \$300.00.

From the best information before the Board, it appears that of 183 Lodges on the register of Grand Lodge only 33 have contributed to the Asylum fund. It has been reported that a number of Lodges which have not contributed have passed resolutions in favor of so doing, while others have appropriated funds which, however, have not yet reached the Grand Secretary.

The Trust is of opinion that the Grand Secretary should be directed to address the various non-contributing Lodges, requesting them to forward their contributions.

With a view to bringing this important work to a satisfactory conclusion, the Trust recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to enclose in his communication a copy of the original report, with a request to the Worshipful Master, in consequence of the changes in representation which have taken place since the same was originally communicated, to cause the same to be read carefully to the Lodge, and having done so to reply to the following queries :

1st. Has your Lodge contributed to the Masonic Asylum Fund, and if so, how much ?

2nd. If so, may a further contribution be expected if this great work be prosecuted with vigor ?

3rd. If your Lodge has not contributed, have any resolutions on the subject of the intended Asylum been passed ? if so please give the substance thereof ?

The resolution of Grand Lodge to devote from its general

funds the sum of \$10,000, conditioned that the Lodges contribute a like sum, demands the careful consideration of every well-wisher of the craft, and it depends on the action to be taken by the non-contributing Lodges whether this benevolent scheme may or may not be carried out within the year, were the whole of the Lodges to contribute in the proportion of those which have already done so, there is no reason why the present year should not exhibit the inauguration of this grand scheme of masonic benevolence.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. SPENCE,

Chairman M. A. T.

TORONTO, 9th February, 1867.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON MASONIC ASYLUM.

The Board has had under its consideration a report of the Masonic Asylum Trust, recommending that a renewed effort be made for the establishment of a Masonic Asylum, and with that view suggesting that the Grand Secretary should be instructed "to address the various non-contributing Lodges, requesting them to forward their contributions, sending a copy of the original report on the subject and requesting the Lodges to answer certain queries in relation to their willingness to contribute further;" and also a letter from the M. W. Grand Master, suggesting that "the Trust specially appointed should be cancelled and the money's paid back into the General Funds, all of which in his opinion, excepting of course the amount required for contingent expenses, are sacred as a fund of benevolence."

The Board is of opinion that very great difficulties exist in the way of carrying out the project of a Masonic Asylum; but in order that the fullest opportunity may be afforded to the various Lodges to express their views on the subject, it recommends that the Grand Secretary be ordered to address a circular to each of the Lodges setting forth the proceedings thus far taken in the matter, the state of the fund, and asking their opinion as to the best course to be pursued.

With reference to the Solicitors account, submitted by the Masonic Asylum Trust, the Board considers it should be paid out of the Trust funds.

The Board has pleasure in reporting that the funds of the Masonic Asylum Trust have been invested in Provincial Debentures, bearing seven per cent interest, premium payable half-yearly, the amount being \$3,800.00.

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. A. STEVENSON,

P. B. G. P.

R. W. Bro. John H. Graham gave notice that in view of the numerous applications for assistance, he would, on to-morrow, move that the sum of \$200 of the general fund of Grand Lodge be transferred to the benevolent fund.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would move that the Constitution be so amended as to vest the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters in the M. W. Grand Master.

V. W. Bro. James Reynolds gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would move that the Central District be subdivided into two or more districts, the present district being too large.

It was moved by W. Bro. H. Waterous, seconded by V. W. Bro. Jno. K. Clare,

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of London.

In amendment,

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward C. Barker, seconded by W. Bro. W. A. Barrie,

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Ottawa.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the negative.

The original motion having been voted upon, it was declared in the affirmative.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, in accordance with notice of motion given at the last Annual Communication, moved to amend the Constitution so that Past Masters may have the privilege of voting at the nomination of District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken, it was declared in the negative.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, in accordance with notice given, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi,

That the Constitution be amended so that Past Grand Masters be constituted members of the Board of General Purposes, *ex-officio*.

Which motion, after some discussion, was withdrawn.

R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson gave the following notice :
That at the next Annual Communication he would move for a re-division of the Masonic districts in Canada.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 4.45 o'clock, P. M.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

V. W. Bro. Alex. Walker gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Tusean Lodge, meeting at Levis, be transferred from the Eastern Townships District to that of Quebec.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report :

ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

APPLICATIONS FOR WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes having had under consideration the applications for Warrants by the several Lodges working under Dispensation, have carefully enquired into the efficiency of the working of those Lodges, and recommend the following as being worthy of receiving Warrants of Constitution from the Grand Lodge, viz :

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| ORIENTAL | LODGE, | | Port Burwell. |
| TUSCAN | " | | Levis. |
| PRINCE ALBERT | " | | Prince Albert. |
| OLD LIGHT | " | | Lucknow. |
| ENNISKILLEN | " | ..... | York. |
| PLANTAGENET | " | ..... | Plantagenet. |
| ROYAL CANADIAN | " | ..... | Sweetsburgh. |
| ASCOT | " | ..... | Lennoxville. |
| FILIUS VIDUÆ | " | ..... | Adolphustown. |
| BELMONT | " | ..... | Belmont. |
| ASHLAR | " | ..... | Coaticook. |
| ORILLIA | " | ..... | Orillia. |
| SCOTLAND | " | ..... | Scotland. |

In respect to the petition of the members of Petrolia Lodge, the Board does not feel justified in recommending Grand Lodge to grant them a Warrant.

The Board also begs to advise that brethren desirous of obtaining Warrants of Constitution be instructed to have their respective minute books ready for inspection on the *first* day of the session of the Board, as by this system the labor of the Board will be greatly facilitated, and less interruption caused to the business of Grand Lodge.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

In regard to the application of the late Faithful Brethren Lodge, of Oakwood, for a return of their Warrant, and the removal of the Lodge from there to Lindsay; and the matter having been enquired into and approved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, D. D. G. M. Ontario District, the Board recommends

that the prayer of that petition be granted on payment of the arrears due to Grand Lodge and on the certificate of the D. D. G. M. of the Ontario District as to the efficiency and ability of the Worshipful Master of that Lodge to rule the Lodge, and to confer the three established degrees.

The Board of General Purposes having had under consideration the letter of Bro. George Smith, of Quebec, desiring the Grand Lodge to confer upon him the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden, by reason of Bro. Smith having been appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden in 1864, under the Grand Lodge of England, and also having held several subordinate Provincial Grand Lodge Offices, viz: P. G. Steward, P. G. Deacon, and P. G. Director of Ceremonies, prior to 1864; begs to report to Grand Lodge that the Board does not feel justified in recommending the request of Bro. Smith, especially as the Grand Lodge of England does not acknowledge a Provincial Grand Senior Warden as an officer of that supreme Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes having had under consideration the letter of Bro. T. C. Starrett, J. W. of Western Light Lodge, No. 13, requesting Grand Lodge "to grant that Lodge permission to start in Nobleton, also to erase all arrears, and allow that Lodge to make a new start," begs to report to Grand Lodge that the Board cannot recommend the request being granted, inasmuch as the Western Light Lodge has not been working for two years, and there being no prospect that the work of the Lodge will be resumed. The Board recommends that the Grand Secretary be instructed to request of the brethren of Western Light Lodge a surrender of their Warrant.

The concluding portion of Bro. Starrett's letter is couched in such improper language that your Board feels bound to condemn it in the most unqualified terms, and now express the hope that such language shall never again be indulged in by any brother in addressing the Grand Lodge.

In compliance with a resolution of Grand Lodge, "That the report of the Board on the application of the Barton Lodge,

No. 6, Hamilton, for permission to wear gold jewels, be referred back to the Board for further consideration, and to report thereon at the next Annual Communication," your Board has made due enquiry as to what further evidence can be brought forward by the brethren of Barton Lodge to strengthen their claim, and has ascertained that some misunderstanding exists as to the mode of producing that evidence, request that the subject be further laid over in order to enable those brethren to produce such evidence in proper form at the next semi-annual meeting of the Board. In the matter of Clarenceville Lodge and Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, the Board recommends that Grand Lodge will release them from the payment of all arrears of dues, and forward any certificates they may now require free of expense.

The whole respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John H. Graham, and

RESOLVED,—That the foregoing report be received, and that so much thereof as has reference to the issuing of Warrants of Constitution to Lodges under Dispensation be adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. F. Westlake and W. Bros. A. Murray and Geo. M. Wilkinson to be scrutineers of the ballot for the election of Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes.

The election was proceeded with and the following brethren were declared duly elected, viz :

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| M. W. Bro. | W. Mercer Wilson, Simcoe, | unanimously re-elected | G. Master. |
| R. " " | A. A. Stevenson, Montreal, | re-elected | Deputy Grand " " |
| " " " | Isaac H. Stearns, Lennoxville, | | Grand Senior Warden. |
| " " " | John Turquard, Woodstock, | " " | Junior " " |
| " " " | Rev. V. Clementi, Lakefield, | re-elected | " Chaplain. |
| " " " | Henry Groff, Simcoe, | " " | Treasurer. |
| " " " | Alexander Murray, Montreal, | " " | Registrar. |
| " " " | T. B. Harris, Hamilton, | unanimously, | " Secretary. |

By an open vote of Grand Lodge,

Bro. James Heron,

" Tyler.

Nominated by the Lodges. of the various Masonic Districts to be District Deputy Grand Masters and approved by the M. W. Grand Master.

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| R. W. Bro. | F. Westlake, | London, | London District, | re-elected |
| " " " | D. Curtis, | Brantford, | Wilson | " " |
| V. " " | M. C. Cameron, | Goderich, | Huron | " " |
| R. " " | J. Seymour, | St. Catherines, | Hamilton | " " |
| V. " " | E. A. Walker, | Barrie, | Toronto | " " |
| " " " | Wm. McCabe, | Oshawa, | Ontario | " " |
| R. " " | D. Fraser, | Picton, | P. Edward | " " |
| V. " " | J. P. Featherston, | Ottawa, | Central | " " |
| R. " " | Richard Bull, | Montreal, | Montreal | " " |
| " " " | J. H. Graham, | Richmond, | E. Townsh's | " " |
| V. " " | Alex. Walker, | Quebec, | Quebec | " " |

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John H. Graham, and

RESOLVED,—That the ruling of the M. W. Grand Master according to M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, the rights and privileges of full membership in the Lodge of Antiquity, and declaring that he cannot be deprived of those privileges merely by any resolution of the Lodge, be and the same is hereby concurred in and confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the semi-annual report on Audit and Finance.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes has examined the financial statements of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the half-year ending 29th June, 1867.

The Books of the Grand Secretary and statements of the Grand Treasurer were audited and found correct to the satisfaction of the Board.

The receipts for the six months ending 29th June, 1867, as taken from the Grand Secretary's books, show an amount of \$3,896 71, derived from the following sources:—

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| Certificates | \$1,060 00 |
| Dues | 1,467 85 |
| Fees | 609 50 |
| Dispensations..... | 240 00 |
| Warrants | 10 00 |
| Constitutions | 187 80 |
| Proceedings | 21 00 |
| Masonic Asylum Fund..... | 300 56 |
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| | \$3,896 71 |

Say, three thousand eight hundred and ninety-six dollars and seventy-one cents.

The Grand Treasurer's statement to 29th June, 1867, shews to credit of Grand Lodge the following amounts. —

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| General Fund Account..... | \$14,220 71 |
| Benevolent Fund (Investment Account)..... | 7,890 24 |
| do. (Current Account)..... | 180 91 |
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| | \$22,291 86 |
| Asylum Fund..... | 467 81 |
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| | \$22,759 67 |

Invested as follows :—

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| Deposited in Gore Bank, Simcoe, | |
| on call, at 4 per cent..... | \$ 5,159 67 |
| Middlesex County Debentures, | |
| 6 per cent..... | 1,600 00 |
| Provincial Debentures, 7 per cent | 16,000 00 |
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| | \$22,759 67 |

MASONIC ASYLUM FUND.

A further subscription of \$300 56 has been made to this fund since the last Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, as follows :—

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| St. John's Lodge, No. 75,..... | \$280 56 |
| Percy, " " 161,..... | 20 00 |
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| | \$300 56 |

The total amount to credit of this fund is \$4,281 99, composed as follows :—

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| Provincial Debentures..... | \$3,800 00 |
| Balance in Bank of Montreal..... | 14 18 |
| Deposited in Gore Bank..... | 462 50 |
| Interest Account..... | 5 31 |
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| | \$4,281 99 |

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

There was placed to credit of Grand Secretary the sum of one hundred dollars, all of which has been expended in sundry items, the vouchers for which have been duly examined and a balance of ten dollars and nine cents found due to the Grand Secretary.

LODGES OVER TWELVE MONTHS IN ARREAR.

It is a matter of congratulation to Grand Lodge that the system inaugurated for the purpose of collecting Lodge Dues has continued to work admirably, the only Lodges at present over twelve months in arrear being :—

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| Western Light Lodge, No. 13,..... | Bolton. |
| True Britons “ “ 14,..... | Perth. |
| Stirling “ “ 69,..... | Stirling. |
| Rising Sun “ “ 85,..... | Farmersville. |

The Board also recommends that all the funds of Grand Lodge not now invested, be invested, either in Provincial Government Debentures, or in Stock of the Bank of Montreal, to the satisfaction of the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary ; the securities to be deposited in the Bank of Montreal, only to be withdrawn on the written order of the above named Officers of Grand Lodge for the time being.

On motion the foregoing report was received.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 9 o'clock P. M.

M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its first formation up to the present time be re-printed and bound in two volumes and sold to the Lodges and members of the Craft at the cost of printing and binding.

Continuation of the report of the Board on

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of General Purposes has had under consideration a number of applications for relief, and after careful enquiry it recommends that the following sums be appropriated from the Fund of Benevolence, viz :

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| To Mrs. F——, Melbourne, | \$40 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham. | |
| To Bro. H——, Montreal, : | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson. | |
| To Mrs. P——, Bath, | 20 00 |
| To be paid through W. M. Union Lodge, No. 7. | |
| To Mrs. C——, Collingwood, | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. DeGrassi. | |
| To Mrs. D——, Peterboro, | 20 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. Clementi. | |
| To the Orphans of Bro. C——, Bowmanville, | 40 00 |
| To be paid through R. W. Bro. Milne. | |
| To Miss S——, Dunham, | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. of Prevost Lodge. | |
| To Bro. W——, | 50 00 |
| To be paid in 5 monthly instalments of \$10 each, through the W. M. of Oxford Lodge. | |
| To Bro. B——, Plattsville, | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the D. D. G. M. Wilson Dist. | |

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| To Mrs. P——, Simcoe,..... | 40 00 |
| To be paid through W. Bro. Dr. Clarke. | |
| To Bro. R——, Newmarket,..... | 40 00 |
| To be paid through Bro. Jackson, S. W. | |
| To Mrs. B——, Stouffville,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through Bro. Bowman, P. M. | |
| To Mrs. F——, Guelph,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. Speed Lodge, No. 180. | |
| To Mrs. C——, Ottawa,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. of Corinthian Lodge. | |
| To Bro. McC——, Barrie,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the D. D. G. M. Toronto Dist. | |
| To Bro. J——, Aurora,..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the D. D. G. M. Toronto Dist. | |
| To Mrs. R——, Simcoe,..... | 30 00 |
| To be paid through the W. M. of Norfolk Lodge. | |
| To Mrs. D——..... | 20 00 |
| To be paid through the Grand Secretary. | |

The Board further recommends that the interest accruing from all the Funds of Grand Lodge, be set apart for the Fund of Benevolence.

REGALIA.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report :

That it has had under consideration two letters ; one from the Asst. Grand Secretary of the G. L. of Ireland, and one from R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, the representative of the G. L. of Ireland near the Grand Lodge of Canada, relating to Masonic clothing to be worn by the representative of the G. L. of Canada near the G. L. of Ireland, recently appointed ; and the Board is of opinion that it should be authorized to procure and transmit to our representative in Ireland a suit of P. G. S. W.'s Regalia, in reciprocation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland having followed the same course in regard to their representative near the G. L. of Canada.

While upon the subject of Regalia, the Board would also

remind the members of G. L. that no Regalia has ever been procured for the Deputy Grand Master of Canada ; and as it is exceedingly desirable that Grand Lodge officers should be properly clothed, the Board would recommend that the D. G. M.'s apron now submitted be purchased at the price named, (\$45,) and that the President of the Board of General Purposes be authorized to procure Gauntlets to correspond, the cost of which to be defrayed from the general of Grand Lodge.

ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

Upon a review of the reports of D. D. G. Masters, it is almost surprising to find the uniformity which prevails in describing the progressive and healthy condition of the subordinate Lodges in their several districts.

This gratifying fact seems unaccompanied with any difficulties which might detract from the general harmony ; an almost entire absence of complaints adds to the prevailing spirit of satisfaction.

With few exceptions, the D. D. G. Masters seem to have visited the Lodges with a good deal of industry, notably among whom are those of Wilson, London, Eastern Townships and Hamilton Districts.

The D. D. G. M. of Ontario District deserves great credit for the establishment of Lodges of Instruction, which might well be emulated elsewhere, and more particularly where a difference in work still lingers. The time has now come when either apathy or want of opportunity to learn should form no excuse for neglecting to purge the work of old errors, and it is submitted that an adherence thereto should be no longer tolerated.

The attentive perusal of the reports is recommended ; they are all pregnant with the valuable suggestions of experienced and reflective men. The report from the Hamilton District is accompanied with an abstract of the financial affairs, condition and progress of each Lodge, testifying in a marked degree to the

attention bestowed on them by the R. W. Bro. having that district in charge.

The Lodges continue to increase steadily, and at such a rate as to raise no doubt of the propriety of the enlargement of our sphere of action or questioning, by their number, the healthy progress of the Order.

An alteration in the boundaries of the Prince Edward District is proposed, by the transfer of the County of Renfrew to the Central District, on the ground of convenience; and it is also suggested that the vast territory of the Eastern Townships District could be advantageously sub-divided, and a notice of motion in Grand Lodge has been given to divide the Toronto District. The Board are of opinion that these alterations should be taken up as a general question; and if Grand Lodge be of opinion that more convenient arrangements can be made, then that the whole should be remodelled symmetrically, and with due regard to the interests of the Lodges.

It continues to be apparent that the duty of visiting Lodges by the D. D. G. Masters is not discharged without very great personal inconvenience and considerable expense, which together press so heavily as to cause constant resignations and changes in the superintendence of districts. It may not be difficult to remove the objection of expense, by the discharge of the amount incurred in expenses; but great responsibility and labor must of necessity attend these high, important and honorable positions, and it is earnestly hoped that the R. W. Brethren will not allow ordinary difficulties to induce them to abandon offices, wherein so much is gained by the Craft by continuous and steady labor and guardianship.

The whole respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, and

RESOLVED,—That the foregoing report be received.

The special Committee to whom was referred the appeal of R. W. Bro. Henry Groff against the decision of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following

REPORT.

This Appeal, from the decision of the Board of General Purposes, comes before Grand Lodge, under the following circumstances:—

It appears that Brother Sovereign and Brother Merrill had certain transactions, whereby Brother Sovereign held a promissory note made by Bro. Merrill. This promissory note was many years overdue when Brother Sovereign called upon Bro. Merrill for a renewal note, which the latter declined to give. The former then placed the note in suit, and as a defence thereto Brother Merrill pleaded the Statute of limitations and a set-off, against which set-off Brother Sovereign in his turn also pleaded the Statute of limitations.

The case was referred to arbitration and was settled before it went to the arbitrator by a consent to pay \$3,000 by Brother Merrill to Brother Sovereign, on which agreement discharges by both were exchanged towards each other.

Although Bro. Sovereign submitted the case to legal proceedings, he asserts he never meant to deprive himself of the right of complaint against Bro. Merrill for his unmasonic conduct, in not fulfilling his obligations towards him as his debtor, and then brought his complaint before the Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, who dismissed the complaint on the ground, that by resorting to a court of law, Brother Sovereign had deprived himself of his claim for investigation by the Lodge.

Against this decision brother Sovereign again appealed to the Board of General Purposes, assigning as a special ground of complaint not so much the decision on the unequal transactions between brother Merrill and himself, as the wrongful ground taken by Norfolk Lodge in precluding him from complaining of

a breach of masonic duty, in a case in which resort had been made to the court of law, contending that his remedies were under the circumstances concurrent.

The Board of General Purposes having entertained the appeal and having heard the respective parties, by friends who were members of Norfolk Lodge, after consideration declined to reverse the decision of Norfolk Lodge.

From this decision brother Sovereign wishes the protection of Grand Lodge, and appeals from the decision of Norfolk Lodge as affirmed by the Board of General Purposes.

Your Committee have carefully read and examined all the papers which appeared before the Board of General Purposes, and are of opinion that there may be many cases in which it would be unfair to a suffering brother and highly injurious to the Craft, if legal proceedings, no matter how such may have terminated, or in what position they may stand, should prevent a brother preferring his complaint against an erring brother.

But the case now under consideration does not seem to be one of that nature, and must be apparent to all that it is wholly beside the exercise of a proper control over the brotherhood, to inquire into the transactions between them of Debtor and Creditor. It is difficult if not impracticable to lay down a general rule, but in the case of premeditated fraud it would be dangerous to interfere.

Your Committee are further of opinion that the decision of the Norfolk Lodge should be upheld and not reversed, your committee have arrived at this decision upon the papers *actually submitted* to the Board of General Purposes; if there are other papers or additional evidence capable of being produced, this case must be the subject of re-consideration or new trial by the Board itself.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. D. HARINGTON,

Chairman.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Special Committee on appeal be received and adopted.

The consideration of the annual report of the Board for the financial year ending 30th December, 1866, was resumed. [See pages 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347.]

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi,

That the annual report of the Board for the financial year ending 30th December, 1866, be adopted.

In amendment,

It was moved by Bro. A. J. Donly, and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham,

That so much of the report of the Board of General Purposes, of its proceedings at Port Hope, as has reference to the appeal of R. W. Bro. Groff on behalf of Bro. Sovereign, against the decision of Norfolk Lodge, be referred back to the Board for further consideration, and that the remainder of the report be adopted.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, the same was declared adopted.

Moved by W. Bro. W. S. Martin, seconded by W. Bro. J. B. Lay, and

RESOLVED,—That taking into consideration the difficulties which have been explained to this Grand Lodge, arising out of the unavoidable absence of members of the Committee "on work," the exemplification of the ritual of the three degrees of Craft Masonry be deferred to the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11.30 o'clock, P. M., to meet on to-morrow, Friday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11.45 o'clock, A. M.

M. W. Bro. W. Mercer Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The scrutineers of the ballot for five members to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, reported the following-named brethren as having received the largest number of votes, viz :

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| R. W. Bro. | Æmilius Irving, | Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt. |
| " " " | A. DeGrassi, | St. John's " " 75, Toronto. |
| " " " | L. H. Henderson, | Moirs " " 11, Belleville. |
| " " " | James Moffat, | St. John's " " 20, London. |
| " " " | John Kerr, | St. John's " " 75, Toronto. |

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments of brethren as members of the Board :

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| M. W. Bro. | A. Bernard, | St. George's Lodge, No. 19, Montreal. |
| R. " " | Charles Kahn, | Tecumseh " " 144, Stratford. |
| " " " | Wm. H. Weller, | St. John's " " 17, Cobourg. |
| " " " | James Milne, | Jerusalem " " 31, Bowmanville. |
| V. " " | Henry Robertson, | Manito " " 90, Collingwood. |

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Moffat, seconded by W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby heartily tendered to the brethren of St. John's and Cataraqui Lodges, Kingston, for the ample and satisfactory arrangements made for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; and also for the kind and hospitable entertainment extended to all the members and representatives of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson submitted on behalf of the Board the following report :

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board is most happy to learn that the M. W. Grand Master since his return to the throne, after an interval of a series

of years, is able so highly to compliment those who in the interim have conducted the affairs of Grand Lodge, and they unite with him in the prayer that the G. A. O. T. U. may ever continue His fostering aid to the genuine principles of our time-honored fraternity.

Masonry being a progressive science, it is a matter of most sincere congratulation to the Craft that art has at length triumphed over hitherto unsurmountable barriers, in the successful laying of the Atlantic Cable, may it, like the circling sun, scatter the light of intelligence to all mankind.

The Board observe with unfeigned pleasure the giant strides made by our young country; and, as loyal subjects, echo the desire that the same wise statemanship which has *formed* our new Dominion into the nucleus of a great nation, may ever *sustain* it in its onward progress.

Whilst admiring the noble spirit evinced by the movers in the projected Masonic Asylum, the Board concur in the opinion expressed by the M. W. G. M. that the funds now at the disposal of Grand Lodge are not sufficient to warrant so large an expenditure as must necessarily be incurred to comport with the dignity of the order; at the same time, it would recommend that the funds be steadily augmented and carefully husbanded, with the ultimate view of consummating the long-cherished hopes of its most sanguine promoters.

The Board is of opinion that it is inadvisable to erect a building for Grand Lodge Purposes, believing that the present migratory principle is better adapted to the convenience of the Craft in general than centralization, as it equalizes the burden to all and conduces to multiply the sacred links of friendship. The erection of such an edifice would also inevitably lock up a large portion of Grand Lodge funds, so essential for the promotion of one of the grandest objects of Freemasonry—Benevolence.

The Board entirely agree with the M. W. G. M. in the wisdom that has suggested the exemplification of the *work* by the distinguished brethren named; but it deeply regrets that unavoidable circumstances have rendered it impossible to carry

out so desirable an arrangement, thereby disappointing a large number of brethren, who, firmly relying on the assurance given, travelled long distances for the express purpose of receiving *light* at this Grand Lodge; the Board is equally jealous of any innovations in the ancient landmarks; it further believes that were it made a rule of Grand Lodge to have that exemplification annually repeated it would exercise a most beneficial influence, particularly upon rural Lodges, which labor under great disadvantages in acquiring correct instruction. It also strongly recommends that a Standing Committee on work be forthwith appointed, as suggested by the M. W. Grand Master.

The encomium passed by the M. W. G. M. on the efforts of the B. of G. P., in systematizing the business of Grand Lodge, coming from one whose valuable opinion cannot be too highly appreciated, it gratefully acknowledges: yet it cannot refrain from expressing its deep regret at the manifest apathy evinced by several members in neglecting to discharge the important duties assumed by them, thereby wasting much precious time that otherwise might be profitably employed for the benefit of the Craft.

The Board is happy to hail in our Masonic family the new Lodges which have been organized during the year, affording, as they do, the most gratifying evidence of a healthful and steady growth of our cherished principles, which exercise a salutary influence on the community at large.

The Board congratulate the M. W. G. M. on the satisfactory termination of the cases of jurisprudence submitted to him for adjudication; and also has pleasure in stating, that no subject of masonic complaint has come before it at this communication, thereby affording further proof of the unalloyed harmony pervading our mystic circle.

The Board cordially endorses the suggestions of the M. W. G. M. relative to the mode of expressing a mark of esteem to our worthy Grand Secretary, and would urge upon Grand Lodge the propriety of presenting that faithful officer with a piece of plate instead of the honorary jewel proposed; since such a tribute

would be more acceptable to his family and be preserved by them as a lasting memento of substantial friendship and goodwill.

The Board regrets that the M. W. G. M. could not attend the Boston celebration, particularly as the kindness shown in extending the invitation to him exhibits in the strongest manner the fraternal feelings entertained by sister Grand Lodges towards the Craft in Canada.

The Board deeply sympathize with its brethren in Georgia in the devastations which war has brought upon them, and sincerely rejoice that the Masons of Canada have contributed so liberally towards alleviating the sufferings caused thereby.

The Board learns with profound grief that R. W. Bro. Michael Furnell, our late representative at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, has passed from time into eternity. The invaluable services rendered by the deceased brother to this Grand Lodge in its infancy, will ever remain impressed on our masonic annals, and it fervently joins in the hope, that he has ascended to the Grand Lodge above. It has every confidence in the judicious selection of his successor made by the M. W. G. M., may he emulate the virtues of his lamented predecessor.

The appointment of a number of eminent representatives to other Grand Bodies with whom this Grand Lodge has not heretofore had communication, is an additional confirmation of the extension of our fraternal relations.

The Board is sorry to learn that M. W. Bro. W. C. Stephens, the talented representative of the Grand Lodge of England, at Canada, has resigned the position so ably filled by him since the establishment of this Grand Lodge, and trusts that his change of residence will not militate against the future happiness and prosperity of himself and esteemed family.

The subject of unaffiliated Masons has long been the cause of much anxious solicitude to this Board, and it heartily agrees with the M. W. G. M. that the period has arrived when the matter should be seriously dealt with. But since there is ample provision in the Constitution regarding the privileges forfeited

by such brethren, it does not feel justified in recommending Grand Lodge to order the payment of fixed reduced fees by non-affiliated members, as, in its opinion, such compulsion would not only be an infringement upon the rights of private Lodges but contrary to the Constitution.

The Board sincerely hopes that the arduous efforts of the committee engaged in collecting materials for the compilation of a Canadian Masonic History will shortly be completed, and that the invitation of the M. W. G. M. to old Lodges for primitive documents, will be promptly responded to. As regards a general index to past proceedings, your Board is of opinion that the expense of preparation and printing one would be more than its value would be worth; but they would recommend that in future an index be added to the annual records, and also that the accumulated Masonic works now in the Grand Secretary's office be cheaply bound and preserved for reference.

The cordial reception extended to our M. W. G. M. on his visits to Lodges in the places enumerated will, it entertains no doubt, be accorded to him by every Lodge in this jurisdiction, should he find leisure to honor them with his presence.

The safe investment of Grand Lodge funds being a matter of paramount importance, your Board is pleased to learn the highly satisfactory arrangements entered into with a view of increasing the interest derivable therefrom. It is also gratified to ascertain the flourishing condition of the finances generally.

The M. W. G. M. is no doubt correct in expressing regret that he cannot enter upon many topics connected with his administration, owing to the unusual length to which his address has already extended; and your Board, claiming the same indulgence, trusts that Grand Lodge will not expect it to enter more fully upon the consideration of any of the subjects brought under its consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, and

RESOLVED,—That the foregoing report on the M. W. G. M.'s address be received.

RENDERING OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Honorary members are to be elected by BALLOT in private Lodges, the same as in the case of joining members. (See Art. 1, "Of Proposing Members.")

That the words "*rejected candidate*," Section 9, "of proposing members," are applicable only to candidates for initiation, and not to *brethren* for affiliation.

The Board submitted the following for the next Annual Communication :

That they deem it advisable to recommend to Grand Lodge to remunerate D. D. G. Masters for expenses incurred in officially visiting private Lodges within their several jurisdictions, not exceeding one visit to each Lodge annually.

The following report of the Asylum Trust to the Board of General Purposes was read in Grand Lodge :

REPORT.

To the Board of General Purposes :

The Masonic Asylum Trust beg leave to report that no funds have been transmitted to them for account of the Trust since date of last report, and that the balance in Bank of Montreal remains as at 9th Feb. last.

On the 10th September, 12 months' interest will accrue on the \$3,800 invested in Provincial Debentures.

Presuming that no efforts will be permitted to divert the attention of Grand Lodge from the prosecution to a successful conclusion of its long-cherished purpose of founding and permanently maintaining a Masonic Asylum—wherein honored old age and feeble youth would equally receive protection and support—the Trust beg to suggest what to them appears, under existing circumstances, the best means whereby the confidence of the brethren in the feasibility of the work as proposed may be

strengthened, the fund for its support be augmented, and an amount of benevolence far beyond anything yet done by Grand Lodge be accomplished in behalf of the indigent and of the helpless orphans of the Craft.

Immediate steps should be taken for the establishment of the Masonic Asylum ; and to the commencement, the carrying forward, and the ultimate completion of the grand design, the whole power of Grand Lodge should be directed. For properly beginning this work it is not necessary to wait for the accumulation of funds to give effect to the magnificent scheme of the original promoters, indeed it might be easily shown that it would not only be injudicious but positively disastrous to the whole scheme to do so—*let us do good as we have opportunity*. With nearly six thousand dollars per annum at command a commencement can be made ; many of the noblest and most flourishing institutions in Britain have had their existence under infinitely less encouraging circumstances. Let Grand Lodge at its coming communication set this glorious design above every other work, a work the only one in which we can engage practically to demonstrate the high value we set on the leading principles inculcated by our time honored Order ; and at no distant day the structure as originally designed will rise to view a monument to the wisdom and skill of the founders and to the benevolent principles which actuate the masonic heart.

A glance at the accumulated funds and the increasing revenue of Grand Lodge will shew that the object is attainable. The annual revenue of Grand Lodge is clearly over \$4,000 beyond its working expenses.

The accumulated funds on 31st. Dec. last amounted to something over \$20,000, to which may be added the Trust Fund—say \$4,000, in the whole \$24,000—besides Contributions in the Treasurer's hands and others which would be immediately paid over so soon as decisive action should be taken ; but taking the total at \$24,000, at bank rate of interest, there would be with the available excess of Grand Lodge funds an income of \$5,600 ; why with such a fund at command should a single distressed brother be permitted to suffer the pangs of want ? Why the aged brother or brother's widow be allowed to go

down to the grave in poverty, destitute of the succor and sympathy in the power of the Craft to afford?

Supposing Grand Lodge to adopt this suggestion—it is obvious that an immense impetus would be immediately given to all subordinate Lodges on its registry; all our funds would be augmented; all the brethren would feel they were engaged in the grandest work to which they were ever called.

It is within the fact that not more than one-fourth of the Lodges have subscribed to the Asylum Fund. Let it not be supposed that this has arisen from any indifference to the object, it has been simply from a doubt of the intention to begin; remove that doubt by making a commencement, find a suitable building, no matter where, so long as the health and comfort of the inmates are consulted. Let the choice be determined by open vote in Grand Lodge, or perhaps better, in order to prevent the possibility of suspicion of interested motives, let the choice of location be left to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the management of the institution to a committee to be appointed by him; let all questions of a secondary nature be held in abeyance and every impediment in the way of the commencement be removed, and with its establishment, whether for the accommodation of fifty, thirty, or even ten aged or indigent masons or masons widows, or of a proportionate number of orphans of masons, and the subordinate Lodges which now cheerfully yield \$4,000 a year to Grand Lodge more than Grand Lodge has any occasion for, *will come up to the work with a will*, and soon render such an institution all that could be reasonably expected from their means and numbers, and in a short time place it in the front rank of the benevolent institutions of the Dominion.

Besides the importance of at once entering with spirit upon the work of relief, their will be a great advantage in gradually developing the means, financial and otherwise, necessary for the management of an institution such as that ultimately contemplated. It is not the opinion of the Trust that a building specially adapted for the purpose would not be better than any other not so adapted, but before such should be erected, even if Grand

Lodge had the means, some knowledge of its wants and adaptation to the intended purpose is obviously desirable, and that knowledge can best be attained by a commencement on a small scale. All our institutions of a healthy character have grown up in this way. By it architectural blunders, often of a serious kind, are avoided ; experience, the best teacher, suggesting the details upon the completeness of which depends, to a large extent, the successful working of a large institution.

It is submitted that it is merely necessary to draw attention to this branch of the subject to satisfy every unprejudiced mind of the inexpediency of entering upon the erection of an expensive building without a competent knowledge of what would be required, a knowledge only to be derived from actual experience.

The Trust do not feel it necessary to offer any estimate of the annual expenditure for the support of such temporary Asylum as they recommend ; they content themselves with a recommendation which they are satisfied will diffuse the highest gratification among the brethren, and inspire confidence in the ability and disposition of Grand Lodge to effect something which masons with honest pride may point to as illustrative of the principles of the Craft.

The adoption of a plan of this kind would at once relieve Grand Lodge of a duty often as invidious as it is unsatisfactory, namely the management of the "Fund of Benevolence"; except on very especial occasions, and then only by express vote of Grand Lodge, the benevolence of Grand Lodge should be through its "Asylum." All cases of temporary relief, except as below mentioned, should be met through the benevolent committees of private Lodges ; where the peculiar circumstances of the applicants could be best examined and the proper course to be adopted be most satisfactorily determined.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

ROBERT SPENCE,

Chairman, M. A. T.

KIVAS TULLY,

A. DEGRASSI,

SAM'L B. HARMAN.

TORONTO, July 8th, 1867.

Continuation of the report of the Board of G. P. on

MASONIC ASYLUM.

The Board begs to report to Grand Lodge the result of its action taken at Port Hope in February last, in issuing circulars to the various private Lodges.

Fifty-three Lodges have sent replies to the queries therein put, fourteen of which are unfavorable to the further prosecution of the scheme, while thirty-four Lodges strongly urge its being immediately carried into operation; four Lodges, but recently formed, and one whose furniture has been destroyed by fire, are unable at present to do anything.

The sum of three hundred dollars and fifty-six cents (\$300.56) has been received as an addition to the Asylum Fund, and a further sum of four thousand one hundred and eighteen dollars, (\$4,118.00), promised on the work being begun. Of this latter sum, however, three thousand dollars, (\$3,000), is promised conditionally.

This latter offer the Board considers well worthy of the serious attention of Grand Lodge. It is from Niagara Lodge, No. 2, and is contained in the following resolution of that Lodge:—

“That the sum of three thousand dollars, (\$3,000), also a two story brick building (an elevation plan of which, with a description of the building, is attached), and two acres of land with improvements, (garden, grapes, and other fruit trees thereon,) be granted for the purpose of the Asylum.” This offer is in addition to the sum of forty dollars already contributed by this Lodge.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, has contributed the sum of eighty dollars, (\$80,) and will give two hundred dollars (\$200) more if the Asylum be erected.

Victoria Lodge, No. 71, Sherbrooke, suggests that the Grand Lodge become an incorporated body, and that the amount requisite for the erection of the Masonic Asylum be raised by the issue of Debentures, which would be purchased by those of the brethren in affluent circumstances.

It will be seen that a large proportion of the private Lodges have failed to reply to the queries put in the circular, but as twenty-three Lodges have expressed their opinion by previously contributing to the fund ; it is presumed that the large majority of Lodges desire to see carried out this truly benevolent object.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,
P. E. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Masonic Asylum be received.

The Special Committee to whom had been referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address having reference to the position of the Grand Lodge, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled :

M. W. SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,

Your committee, whom the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in accordance with the vote of Grand Lodge, was pleased to appoint to take into consideration that portion of his address having reference to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion of Canada, beg leave to report, that having taken into their most careful and mature consideration that portion of the M. W. the G. M.'s address referred to them, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Freemasonry require that the present position, standing, and name of this Grand Lodge be maintained ; trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry, will induce the members of our Fraternity residing in other parts of the new Dominion eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme Masonic government in the Dominion of Canada. And in order that this Grand Lodge may be perfectly cognizant of the mode in which your committee arrived at this conclusion, they submit for the information of Grand Lodge, a transcript of their proceedings.

It was moved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. M. Wilson, and seconded by the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, W. B. Simpson,

“That this committee having anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Masonry require that the present position, standing and name of this Grand Lodge be maintained; trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry, will induce the members of our Fraternity residing in other parts of the new Dominion eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme Masonic government in Canada.”

In amendment to the above, it was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M., and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M., E. T. D., that all the words in the foregoing resolution after “require” be left out and the following words inserted, so that the whole would read thus :

“That this committee, having anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of Masonry require the organization of a Grand Lodge in each of the four Provinces now constituting the Dominion of Canada, being satisfied that this course would be strictly in accordance with the laws and regulations of Freemasonry respecting the establishment of Grand Lodges, and believing that a more substantial union would thereby be secured; and also that the affairs of the Craft would be much more effectively and economically managed by this method than by any other.”

On division, the following vote was taken on the amendment :

Yeas.—M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M.

Nays.—M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, G. M.; M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. James Moffat, P. D. D. G. M.

The above vote having been declared, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P. G. M., chairman of the committee, voted "nay."

On division, the following vote was then taken on the resolution :

Yeas.—Brothers Wilson, Simpson and Moffat.

Nays.—Brothers Bernard, Stevenson and Graham.

The foregoing vote having been declared, Bro. Harington voted "yea." Thus the original motion was carried by a majority of one.

Signed by all the members of the committee.

J. H. GRAHAM,

D. D. G. M., E. T. D.,

Sec. for Committee.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Moffat,

That the foregoing report be received and adopted.

Several brethren addressed Grand Lodge at considerable length, when

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1.30 o'clock, P. M., to meet at 2.30 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 2.30 o'clock, P. M.

The M. W. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's address was resumed.

After some further discussion,

It was moved, in amendment, by R. Bro. James Moffat, seconded by V. W. Bro. John K. Clare, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's address be received, and that the further discussion thereon be postponed until the next Communication of Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master proceeded to invest the newly elected officers, together with those appointed, as follows :

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| R.W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, | Montreal, | Deputy Grand Master. |
| “ “ “ Isaac H. Stearns, | Lennoxville, | Grand Sen. Warden. |
| “ “ “ John Turquand, | Woodstock, | “ Junior “ |
| “ “ “ Rev. V. Clementi, | Lakefield, | “ Chaplain. |
| “ “ “ Henry Groff, | Simcoe, | “ Treasurer. |
| “ “ “ Alex. Murray, | Montreal, | “ Registrar. |
| “ “ “ Thos. B. Harris, | Hamilton, | “ Secretary. |
| “ “ “ James Heron, | London, | “ Tyler. |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R.W. Bro. Francis Westlake, | London, | London District. |
| “ “ “ David Curtis, | Brantford, | Wilson “ |
| “ “ “ M. C. Cameron, | Goderich, | Huron “ |
| “ “ “ James Seymour, | St. Catharines, | Hamilton “ |
| “ “ “ Edward A. Walker, | Barrie, | Toronto “ |
| “ “ “ William McCabe, | Oshawa, | Ontario “ |
| “ “ “ Donald Fraser, | Picton, | P. Edward “ |
| “ “ “ J. P. Featherston, | Ottawa, | Central “ |
| “ “ “ Richard Bull, | Montreal, | Montreal “ |
| “ “ “ John H. Graham, | Richmond, | E. Townships “ |
| “ “ “ Alex. Walker, | Quebec, | Quebec “ |
| V.W. Bro. John Clarke, | Simcoe, | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| “ “ “ James Bowman, | Stouffville, | “ Junior “ |
| “ “ “ M. H. Spencer, | Barrie, | “ Supt. of Works. |
| “ “ “ William Edgar, | Hamilton, | “ Dir. of Cer. |
| “ “ “ William Angus, | Montreal, | Asst. “ Secretary. |
| “ “ “ E. H. Parker, | Kingston, | Asst. “ Dir. of Cer. |
| “ “ “ J. W. Lethbridge, | Brantford, | “ Sword Bearer. |
| “ “ “ E. McKay, | Belmont, | “ Organist. |
| “ “ “ H. Waterman, | London, | Asst. “ “ |
| “ “ “ Stan. H. Blondheim, | Kingston, | “ Pursuivant. |

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| V. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Richmond, | } | Grand Stewards. |
| " " " J. Paterson, Woodstock, | | |
| " " " William Wilkinson, Quebec, | | |
| " " " Thos. C. Macnabb, Chatham, | | |
| " " " H. O. Meigs, Stanbridge, | | |
| " " " S. W. Flagler, Wellington, | | |
| " " " Peter J. Brown, Ingersoll, | | |
| " " " J. S. Clarke, Montreal, | | |
| " " " Joseph Hurssell, Cayuga, | | |
| " " " James M. Dunn, Guelph, | | |
| " " " J. Kirkpatrick Kerr, Toronto, | | |
| " " " E. P. Hannaford, Montreal, | | |

The consideration of the reports of the Board of General was resumed.

On Audit and Finance,—See pages 352, 353.

On Constitution and Regulations,—See pages 349, 350, 351.

On Benevolence,—See pages 355, 356.

On Regalia;—See pages 356, 357.

On Condition of Masonry,—See pages 357, 358.

On Grand Master's Address,—See pages 362, 363, 364, 365, 366.

On Masonic Asylum,—See pages 371, 372.

The foregoing reports, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and duly seconded, were severally adopted.

Bro. J. C. Brown gave notice, that at the next Annual Communication he will move that the Committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to exhibit the true work be instructed to prepare it as speedily as convenient; that a meeting, consisting of the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Bro. the Deputy Grand Master, the M. W. Past Grand Masters, and such others as the M. W. Grand Master may think desirable to appoint, be held thereafter to see and approve the work; and that when so seen and approved, three brethren be appointed to make a tour throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, exhibiting the same in each of the subordinate Lodges, special meetings of the subordinate Lodges to be held for such

purpose when necessary, and this Grand Lodge to defray the expenses.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, seconded by R. W. Bro. John H. Graham, and

RESOLVED,—That the proceedings of Grand Lodge from its first formation up to the present time be re-printed in two volumes, to be sold to Lodges and to the members thereof at the cost of printing and binding ; and that a full index be prepared and printed therewith, so soon as it is ascertained that a sufficient number have been subscribed for to defray the expenses thereof, and that this Grand Lodge take sixty copies.

V. W. Bro. J. Bain gave the following notice for the next Annual Communication :

That the powers of the Asylum Trust be extended so as to embrace not merely the charge of the fund, but the duty of organizing and carrying into operation the proposed Asylum, and that their numbers be increased.

Secondly,—That the offer of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, be accepted, and the Asylum Trust instructed to correspond with the W. Master of said Lodge, with a view to at once putting the Asylum in operation.

R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would move that the words “is” and “or” on the 5th line of Section 1, under the heading “of proposing members,” be deleted.

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would move that the Asylum Trust be abandoned, and that such portion of the Asylum fund as has been contributed by private Lodges or individual brethren be returned to such contributors ; the remainder to be transferred to the general funds of Grand Lodge.

V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would move, that in view of the arduous labors devolving upon the Board of General Purposes, each member in attendance on the first and succeeding days of each future Annual

Communication of Grand Lodge, as also of the first and succeeding days of the semi-annual meeting of the Board itself, be paid his mileage and per diem expenses.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Buffalo & Lake Huron, Prescott & Ottawa, Stanstead & Chambly, and the Northern Railways, for having kindly extended to delegates an opportunity of attending this Annual Communication at greatly reduced rates.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, seconded by W. Bro. John Menzies, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be cordially tendered to the Scrutineers of the Ballot and the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties during the present Communication.

The labors of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in Ample form with solemn prayer, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST.



W. B. Simpson
G. Sec'y.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—1868.

PRESIDENT :

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Deputy Grand Master, Montreal, P. Q.

VICE-PRESIDENT :

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, D. D. G. M., St. Catharines, Ont.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.—[By virtue of office.]

M. W. Bro. W. Mercer Wilson, Grand Master, Simcoe, Ont.

R. “ “ A. A. Stevenson, Deputy Grand Master, Montreal, P. Q.

“ “ “ Isaac H. Stearns, Grand Senior Warden, Lennoxville, P. Q.

“ “ “ John Turquand, Grand Junior Warden, Woodstock, Ont.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—[By virtue of office.]

R. W. Bro. Francis Westlake, London, Ontario.

“ “ “ David Curtis, Brantford, “

“ “ “ M. C. Cameron, Goderich, “

“ “ “ James Seymour, St. Catharines, “

“ “ “ Edward A. Walker, Barrie, “

“ “ “ William McCabe, Oshawa, “

“ “ “ Donald Fraser, Picton, “

“ “ “ J. P. Featherston, Ottawa, “

“ “ “ Richard Bull, Montreal, P. Q.

“ “ “ John H. Graham, Richmond, “

“ “ “ Alexander Walker, Quebec, “

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M., Ottawa, Ontario.

R. “ “ Henry Macpherson, P. G. S. W., Owen Sound, “

“ “ “ Samuel D. Fowler, P. G. S. W., Kingston, “

V. “ “ Otto Klotz, P. G. Stew'd, Preston, “

“ “ “ James Bain, P. G. S. B., Toronto, “

R. “ “ Æmilius Irving, P. D. D. G. M., Hamilton, “

“ “ “ A. DeGrassi, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto, “

“ “ “ L. H. Henderson, P. D. D. G. M., Belleville, “

“ “ “ James Moffat, P. D. D. G. M., London, “

“ “ “ John Kerr, P. G. S. W., Toronto, “

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M., Kingston, Ontario.

R. “ “ C. D. Macdonnell, P. D. D. G. M., Peterboro', “

“ “ “ Rev. Vincent Clementi, G. Chap., Lakefield, “

“ “ “ John Renshaw, P. G. S. W., Montreal, P. Q.

V. “ “ Thomas White, P. G. Asst. O., Hamilton, Ontario.

M. “ “ A. Bernard, P. G. M., Montreal, P. Q.

R. “ “ Charles Kahn, P. D. D. G. M., Stratford, Ontario.

“ “ “ Wm. H. Weller, P. D. D. G. M., Cobourg, “

“ “ “ James Milne, P. D. D. G. M., Bowmanville, “

V. “ “ Henry Robertson, P. G. Stew'd, Collingwood, “

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, in Account Current with the Grand Lodge. Moneys received from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1866 :*

| NO. | NAMES OF LODGES. | \$ cts. | NO. | NAMES OF LODGES. | \$ cts. |
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| | | | | Brought forward.... | \$2454 75 |
| —Antiquity Lodge, Montreal. | 105 | 25 | 48 | Madoc, Madoc | 40 00 |
| 1 Prevost, Dunham | 90 | 00 | 49 | Harington, Quebec | 55 00 |
| 2 Niagara, Niagara | 11 | 50 | 50 | Consecon, Consecon | 5 00 |
| 3 St. John's, Kingston | 86 | 50 | 51 | Corinthian, Grahamville. | 11 50 |
| 5 Sussex, Brockville | 47 | 00 | 53 | Shefford, Waterloo | 1 20 |
| 6 Barton, Hamilton | 64 | 25 | 54 | Vaughan, Maple | 54 71 |
| 7 Union, Grimsby | 40 | 25 | 55 | Mirickville, Mirickville.. | 20 12 |
| 8 Nelson, Phillipsburg | 55 | 50 | 56 | Victoria, Sarnia | 52 75 |
| 9 Union, Napanee | 37 | 00 | 57 | Harmony, Binbrook | 19 00 |
| 10 Norfolk, Simcoe | 39 | 75 | 58 | Doric, Ottawa | 87 50 |
| 11 Moira, Belleville | 64 | 75 | 59 | Corinthian, Ottawa | 44 75 |
| 12 Golden Rule, Stanstead.. | 118 | 00 | 60 | Hoyle, La Colle | 18 50 |
| 15 St. George's, St. Catharines | 50 | 00 | 61 | Acacia, Hamilton | 53 00 |
| 16 St. Andrew's, Toronto ... | 111 | 00 | 64 | Kilwinning, London | 35 25 |
| 17 St. John's, Cobourg | 21 | 00 | 66 | Durham, Newcastle | 16 25 |
| 18 Prince Edward's, Picton.. | 32 | 50 | 67 | St. Francis, Richmond... | 57 00 |
| 20 St. John's, London | 60 | 00 | 68 | St. John's, Ingersoll | 40 25 |
| 21 Zetland, Montreal | 34 | 50 | 71 | Victoria, Sherbrooke | 49 50 |
| 22 King Solomon's, Toronto. | 234 | 75 | 73 | St. James, St. Mary's | 24 25 |
| 23 Richmond, Richmond Hill | 18 | 00 | 74 | St. James, Maitland | 12 00 |
| 24 St. Francis, Smith's Falls | 9 | 75 | 75 | St. John's, Toronto | 68 25 |
| 25 Ionic, Toronto | 32 | 50 | 76 | Oxford, Woodstock | 34 30 |
| 26 Ontario, Port Hope | 31 | 00 | 77 | Faithful Brethren | 2 00 |
| 27 Strict Obser'ce, Hamilton. | 69 | 50 | 78 | King Hiram, Tilsonburg. | 62 75 |
| 28 Mount Zion, Kemptville. | 27 | 00 | 79 | Simcoe, Bradford | 5 50 |
| 29 United, Brighton | 9 | 75 | 80 | Albion, Newbury | 33 00 |
| 30 Composite, Whitby | 56 | 75 | 81 | St. John's, Delaware | 37 00 |
| 31 Jerusalem, Bowmanville. | 28 | 50 | 82 | St. John's, Paris | 22 75 |
| 32 Amity, Dunnville | 20 | 00 | 83 | Beaver, Strathroy | 35 50 |
| 34 Thistle, Amherstburg ... | 80 | 50 | 84 | Clinton, Clinton | 37 50 |
| 35 St. John's, Cayuga | 61 | 75 | 86 | Wilson, Toronto | 70 65 |
| 36 Welland, Fontheill | 49 | 00 | 87 | Markham Union, Mark'h'm | 35 00 |
| 37 King Hiram Ingersoll ... | 37 | 25 | 88 | St. George's, Owen Sound. | 45 50 |
| 38 Trent, Trenton | 19 | 00 | 90 | Manito, Collingwood | 45 00 |
| 39 Mount Zion, Brooklin ... | 42 | 50 | 91 | Colborne, Colborne | 30 25 |
| 40 St. John's, Hamilton | 137 | 75 | 92 | Cataraqui, Kingston | 87 00 |
| 41 St. George's, Kingsville.. | 18 | 00 | 93 | North'n Light, Kincardine | 29 75 |
| 42 St. George's, London | 84 | 50 | 94 | St. Mark's, Port Stanley.. | 46 00 |
| 43 King Solomon's, Woodst'k | 43 | 75 | 95 | Ridout, Otterville | 24 00 |
| 44 St. Thomas, St. Thomas.. | 33 | 25 | 96 | Corinthian, Barrie | 48 00 |
| 45 Brant, Brantford | 84 | 00 | 97 | Sharon, Sharon | 33 00 |
| 46 Wellington, Chatham | 76 | 25 | 98 | True Blue, Albion | 21 50 |
| 47 Great Western, Windsor.. | 81 | 00 | 99 | Tuscan, Newmarket | 44 50 |
| Carried forward.... | | \$2454 75 | Carried forward.... | | \$4050 98 |

Grand Secretary's Account Current—[CONTINUED.]

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| | Brought forward.... | \$4050 98 | | Brought forward.... | \$5688 61 |
| 100 | Valley, Dundas..... | 77 75 | 148 | Civil Service, Seat of Gov. | 18 00 |
| 101 | Corinthian, Peterboro'... | 18 50 | 149 | Erie, Port Dover..... | 61 75 |
| 103 | Maple Leaf, St. Cath'rines | 86 25 | 150 | Hastings, Hastings..... | 24 75 |
| 104 | St. John's, Norwichville. | 28 75 | 151 | The Grand River, Berlin | 43 00 |
| 105 | St. Mark's, Drummond'lle. | 102 90 | 152 | Clarenceville, Clarenc'lle | 38 00 |
| 106 | Burford, Burford..... | 6 25 | 153 | Burns, Wyoming..... | 17 50 |
| 107 | St. Paul's, Lambeth..... | 22 75 | 154 | Irving, Lucan..... | 21 75 |
| 108 | Blenheim, Drumbo..... | 39 63 | 155 | Peterborough, Peterboro' | 25 50 |
| 109 | Albion, Harrowsmith... | 14 00 | 156 | York, Eglinton..... | 20 00 |
| 110 | Central, Prescott..... | 9 75 | 158 | Alexandra, Oil Springs . | 27 25 |
| 112 | Maitland, Goderich..... | 63 00 | 159 | Goodwood, Richm'nd, Ont | 10 00 |
| 113 | Wilson, Waterford..... | 32 75 | 160 | Quebec Garrison, Quebec | 44 75 |
| 114 | Hope, Port Hope..... | 9 50 | 161 | Percy, Warkworth..... | 23 25 |
| 115 | Ivy, Smithville..... | 11 25 | 162 | Forest, Wroxeter..... | 20 00 |
| 116 | Cassia, Widder..... | 35 25 | 163 | Browne, Adamsville.... | 47 25 |
| 117 | Stanbridge, Stanbridge.. | 74 00 | 164 | Star in the East, Wellin'tn | 15 25 |
| 118 | Union, Lloydtown..... | 27 25 | 165 | Burlington, Wellingt'n Sq | 48 50 |
| 119 | Maple Leaf, Bath..... | 13 75 | 166 | Wentworth, Stoney Creek | 40 00 |
| 120 | Warren, Fingal..... | 27 75 | 167 | Royal Albert, Montreal. | 49 50 |
| 121 | Doric, Brantford..... | 26 25 | 168 | Merritt, Welland..... | 32 25 |
| 122 | Renfrew, Renfrew..... | 21 25 | 169 | Macnab, Port Colborne . | 44 25 |
| 123 | The Belleville, Belleville | 63 00 | 170 | Britannia, Seaforth..... | 28 75 |
| 124 | Montre'l Kilwinn'g, Mon. | 135 25 | 171 | Prince of Wales, Iona .. | 40 75 |
| 126 | Golden Rule, Campb'llsfd | 34 60 | 172 | Ayr, Ayr..... | 53 75 |
| 127 | Franck, Frankford. ... | 34 25 | 173 | Victoria, Montreal..... | 58 25 |
| 128 | Pembroke, Pembroke... | 6 25 | 174 | Walsingham, Port Rowan | 27 60 |
| 129 | The Rising Sun, Aurora. | 55 50 | 175 | Saint John's, So'th Potton | 44 00 |
| 130 | Yamaska, Granby..... | 4 00 | 176 | Spartan, Sparta..... | 14 55 |
| 131 | St. Lawren'e, Southam'on | 2 00 | 177 | The Builders, Ottawa... | 38 50 |
| 133 | Le'b'on For'st, Francelton | 31 00 | 178 | Plattsville, Plattsville... | 46 25 |
| 134 | Shawenagam, Three Riv's | 70 25 | 179 | Bothwell, Bothwell.... | 52 10 |
| 136 | Richardson, Stouffville.. | 8 00 | 180 | Speed, Guelph..... | 39 75 |
| 137 | Pythagoras, Meaford.... | 30 25 | U.D. | Oriental, Port Burwell.. | 20 00 |
| 138 | Aylmer, Aylmer, P. Q. . | 39 50 | U.D. | Petrolia, Petrolia..... | 20 00 |
| 139 | Lebanon, Oshawa..... | 88 50 | U.D. | Tuscan, Levis..... | 20 00 |
| 140 | Malahide, Aylmer, Ont.. | 55 25 | | Mount Brydges..... | 2 00 |
| 141 | Tudor, Mitchell..... | 41 50 | | Rehoboam..... | 2 00 |
| 142 | Excelsior, Morrisburgh.. | 30 00 | | Constitutions..... | 9 50 |
| 143 | Friendly Broth's, Iroquois | 28 00 | | A. Murray..... | 31 50 |
| 144 | Tecumseh, Stratford.... | 68 50 | | U. Ribbon..... | 1 50 |
| 145 | J. B. Hall, Millbrook... | 23 00 | | D.D.G.M., Ontario Dist'ct | 4 00 |
| 146 | Prince of Wales, Newb'gh | 27 50 | | " Huron District | 4 00 |
| 147 | Mississippi, Almonte... 13 00 | | | " Central Dist'ct | 4 00 |
| Carried forward.. | | \$5688 61 | Total..... | | \$6923 86 |

| Dr. | THOS. B. HARRIS, Grand Secretary, in Account with Grand Lodge. | Cr. | 1866. | | 1866. | | 10.—By Grand Treasurer. | | \$ c. | |
|-----|--|-----|------------|--|-------|----|-------------------------|------|-------|----|
| | | | Dec. 31—To | Cash as per Statement from Lodges..... | \$ | c. | January | 13.— | \$ | c. |
| " | " | " | " | Constitutions | 9 | 50 | " | " | 179 | 00 |
| " | " | " | " | U. Ribbon | 1 | 50 | " | " | 90 | 00 |
| " | " | " | " | A. Murray | 31 | 50 | " | " | 205 | 00 |
| " | " | " | " | C. D. Macdonnell, Ontario District. | 4 | 00 | " | " | 113 | 75 |
| " | " | " | " | Charles Kahn, Huron | 4 | 00 | " | " | 108 | 25 |
| " | " | " | " | John V. Noel, Central | 4 | 00 | " | " | 159 | 08 |
| | | | | | | | February | 3.— | 195 | 25 |
| | | | | | | | " | 14.— | 128 | 62 |
| | | | | | | | March | 2.— | 134 | 25 |
| | | | | | | | " | 10.— | 96 | 25 |
| | | | | | | | " | 19.— | 72 | 00 |
| | | | | | | | " | 21.— | 134 | 75 |
| | | | | | | | " | 23.— | 53 | 25 |
| | | | | | | | April | 6.— | 82 | 00 |
| | | | | | | | " | 16.— | 90 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | " | 20.— | 164 | 00 |
| | | | | | | | May | 7.— | 130 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | " | 26.— | 139 | 00 |
| | | | | | | | June | 16.— | 157 | 70 |
| | | | | | | | " | 27.— | 228 | 75 |
| | | | | | | | " | 30.— | 352 | 25 |
| | | | | | | | " | 30.— | 459 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | July | 19.— | 1000 | 00 |
| | | | | | | | August | 25.— | 350 | 00 |
| | | | | | | | September | 5.— | 119 | 05 |
| | | | | | | | " | 26.— | 170 | 45 |
| | | | | | | | October | 5.— | 130 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | " | 13.— | 300 | 00 |

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|----------|------|-------------------|
| December | 15.— | 72 25 |
| " | " | 134 85 |
| " | 28.— | 410 16 |
| " | 31.— | 562 10 |
| " | 31.— | |
| | | <u>\$6,923 86</u> |

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1866.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Certificates..... | \$1,978 00 |
| Dues | 3,220 66 |
| Fees..... | 1,156 50 |
| Dispersations..... | 162 00 |
| Warrants..... | 80 00 |
| Constitutions | 302 95 |
| Union Ribbon..... | 1 50 |
| Proceedings | 22 25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,923 86 |

A. A. STEVENSON, P. B. of G. P.

Audited and found correct.

MASONIC ASYLUM DONATION.

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1866. | \$ | c. | 1866. | \$ | c. |
| July.—To Cash, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16..... | 161 | 00 | August 25.—By Grand Treasurer..... | 161 | 00 |

Dr. The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada in

| 1866. | | | | Amt. | Days to 31st Dec. | Int't. |
|--------------------------|------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Aug. | 15.— | To paid Cheque No. | 2..... | \$ 4 69 | | |
| | | " | " 4..... | 45 75 | 138 | 0 76 |
| | 20.— | " | " 1..... | 3 77 | | |
| | | " | " 3..... | 165 00 | | |
| | | " | " 5..... | 22 50 | | |
| | | " | " 6..... | 90 00 | 133 | 4 09 |
| | 29.— | " | " 13..... | 20 00 | 124 | 4 09 |
| | 30.— | " | " 15..... | 30 00 | 123 | 0 39 |
| | 31.— | " | " 18..... | 20 00 | 122 | 0 26 |
| Sept. | 5.— | " | " 7..... | 100 00 | 117 | 1 29 |
| | 8.— | " | " 20..... | 4 00 | 114 | 05 |
| | 10.— | " | " 12..... | 50 00 | | |
| | | " | " 16..... | 50 00 | | |
| | | " | " 19..... | 20 00 | 112 | 1 48 |
| | 12.— | " | " 21..... | 16,000 00 | 110 | 192 87 |
| | 15.— | " | " 10..... | 20 00 | | |
| | | " | " 11..... | 25 00 | 107 | 0 53 |
| Oct. | 11.— | " | " 14..... | 35 00 | 89 | 0 35 |
| | 15.— | " | " 22..... | 300 00 | 85 | 2 80 |
| Dec. | 18.— | " | " 23..... | 50 00 | 13 | 07 |
| | 31.— | " | " 24..... | 30 50 | | |
| | | " | " 25..... | 30 00 | | |
| 1867. | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 4.— | " | " 26..... | 300 00 | | |
| | 7.— | " | " 17..... | 20 00 | | |
| Balance of Interest..... | | | | | | 162 45 |
| Balance..... | | | | | | <u>\$367 66</u> |
| | | | | 3,011 15 | | |
| | | | | <u>\$20,447 36</u> | | |

GORE BANK, SIMCOE, January 7th, 1867.

E. E.

Audited and found correct.

account current with the Gore Bank, Simcoe Branch.

Cr.

| 1866. | | | | | Amt. | Days to 31st Dec. | Int't. |
|--------------------------|------|---------------------------------|---|---|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| July | 1.— | By balance per account rendered | | | \$16,625 70 | 184 | \$335 22 |
| | 20.— | By deposit by H. Groff. | | | 1,000 00 | 164 | 17 99 |
| Aug. | 27.— | " | " | " | 511 00 | 126 | 7 05 |
| Sept. | 7.— | " | " | " | 119 05 | 115 | 1 35 |
| | 28.— | " | " | " | 170 45 | 102 | 1 90 |
| Oct. | 15.— | " | " | " | 300 00 | 85 | 2 80 |
| | 27.— | " | " | " | 132 75 | 73 | 1 06 |
| Dec. | 8.— | " | " | " | 68 50 | 23 | 0 19 |
| | 18.— | " | " | " | 72 25 | 13 | 0 10 |
| | 31.— | " | " | " | 134 85 | 00 | 0 00 |
| | 31.— | " | " | " | 48 00 | 00 | 0 00 |
| 1867. | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 2.— | " | " | " | 410 16 | 00 | 0 00 |
| | 3.— | " | " | " | 562 10 | 00 | 0 00 |
| | 5.— | " | " | " | 130 10 | 00 | 0 00 |
| | | | | | | | <u>\$367 66</u> |
| Balance of Interest..... | | | | | \$162 45 | | |

\$20,447 36

Jan. 7.—Balance\$3,011 15

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, *Manager.*

A. A. STEVENSON, *P. B. of G. P.*

| | | | | | | |
|-------|---|--------------------|-------|-----|--|--------------------|
| Aug. | 10.—Transferred to Benevolent Account..... | 200 00 | 25.— | " | ... | 300 00 |
| | 14.—No. 4, T. & R. White's account, printing. | 45 75 | Sept. | " | " | 119 05 |
| | 15.—" 2, W. Brown & Co., for stationery... | 4 69 | | " | " | 170 45 |
| | 18.—" 1, Wm. Brown, for stationery..... | 3 77 | Oct. | " | " | 300 00 |
| | 20.—" 3, W. C. Chewett & Co., for Certifi- | | Nov. | " | " | 132 75 |
| | cates, &c..... | 165 00 | Dec. | " | " | 68 50 |
| | " 5, Grand Secretary, for expenses at- | | | " | " | 72 25 |
| | tending Board at Cobourg | 22 50 | | " | " | 134 85 |
| | " 6, Otto Meaves, for Jewel for Grand | | | " | " | 410 16 |
| | Pursuivant..... | 90 00 | | " | " | |
| Sept. | 5.—" 7, To Mrs. Thomas G. Ridout..... | 100 00 | | " | " | |
| | 8.—" 20, C. Hill, for "Masonic Pioneer and | | | " | " | |
| | Canadian Freemason" | 4 00 | | " | " | |
| Oct. | 15.—" 22, Grand Secretary, quarter's salary | | 1867. | | | 96 71 |
| | to 30th September..... | 300 00 | Jan. | 2.— | " deposited in Gore Bank by Grand Sec'y. | 572 10 |
| Dec. | 12.—" 23, Thos. B. Harris, for Grand Master's | | | 5.— | " | |
| | expenses | 50 00 | | | 5th October, and advised this date... | 130 10 |
| | 29.—" 24, W. Notman, for portrait of P.G.M. | | | | | |
| | Simpson..... | 30 50 | | | | |
| | " 25, Commercial Bank, for office rent. | 30 00 | | | | |
| | " 26, Grand Secretary, quarter's salary | 300 00 | | | | |
| | to 31st December..... | 12,828 04 | | | | |
| | Balance..... | | | | | |
| | | <u>\$16,052 54</u> | | | | <u>\$16,052 54</u> |

" balance belonging to General Fund. \$12,828 04

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

A. A. STEVENSON, *P. B. of G. P.*

SIMCOE, 5th January, 1867.

Audited and found correct.

E. E.

ASYLUM FUND.

| | \$ | c. |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 1866. | | |
| July 25.—By deposited in Gore Bank by the Grand Secretary | 161 | 00 |
| Dec. 31.—“ proportion of interest on Gore Bank deposit, being to 10th September, 1866, when investment was made in Provincial Debentures | 00 | 94 |
| “ Total belonging to this fund in the Grand Treasurer's books | \$161 | 94 |
| Simcoe, 5th January, 1867. | E. E. | HENRY GROFF, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

DEBENTURES.

| | \$ | c. |
|--|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1866. | | |
| Jan. 1.—To County of Middlesex, as previously reported | 1,600 | 00 |
| Sept. 10.—Province of Canada, redeemable 1st September, 1868, at 7 per cent. interest, payable half-yearly | 16,000 | 00 |
| Dec. 31.—Total investment in Debentures of Grand Lodge funds in the books of the Grand Treasurer | \$17,600 | 00 |
| Simcoe, 5th January, 1867. | E. E. | HENRY GROFF, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

BALANCE SHEET.

| | \$ | c. |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|
| Debentures | 17,600 | 00 |
| Gore Bank, Simcoe | 3,011 | 15 |
| “ “ current account | | 390 64 |
| Asylum Fund | | 161 94 |
| | \$20,611 | 15 |

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Simcoe, 5th January, 1867.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.

| | | \$ | c. |
|-------|---|---------|-------------------------------|
| 1866. | | | |
| Jan. | 1.—By amount as per account audited | 6,567 | 53 |
| | “ transferred from General Fund, 10 per cent. of receipts for 1865..... | 663 | 00 |
| Dec. | 31.—“ Total belonging to this account..... | \$7,230 | 53 |
| | SIMCOE, 5th January, 1867. | E. E. | HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer. |

ASYLUM TRUST FUND.

| | | |
|---|---------|----|
| To invested in Government Debentures, at seven per cent. interest | 3,800 | 00 |
| “ deposited in Bank of Montreal | 14 | 18 |
| “ amount in hands of Grand Treasurer..... | 161 | 94 |
| | \$3,976 | 12 |

SIMCOE, 5th January, 1867.

HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES. RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1867.

Lodges Marked (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist : all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

| NO. | LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | NIGHT OF MEETING. | W. MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
|-----|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| — | *Antiquity Lodge... | Montreal | First Thursday | W.Br. J. C. Franck. | Br. Richard Rowe.. |
| 1 | *Prevost..... | Dunham..... | Tuesday preceding full moon.... | " S. Baker..... | " A. D. Stevens... |
| 2 | *Niagara..... | Niagara | Wednesday on or before full moon | " G. A. Clement. | " Pedro Alma.... |
| 3 | *St. John's..... | Kingston..... | First Thursday | " G. M. Wilkinson | " George Cregan.. |
| 4 | *Dorchester..... | St. Johns' | First Thursday | " I. B. Footvoy.. | " James S. Allen... |
| 5 | *Sussex..... | Brockville | Wednesday on or preceding f. m. | " James Quigg .. | " Alex. Stewart .. |
| 6 | *Barton..... | Hamilton | Second Wednesday | " Wm. Edgar | " J. B. Eager |
| 7 | *Union..... | Grimsby | Thursday on or before full moon. | " Robt. Kemp.... | " William Forbes. |
| 8 | *Nelson..... | Phillipsburgh. | Thursday on or before full moon. | " P. E. Luke..... | " John Benson ... |
| 9 | *Union..... | Napanee | Friday before full moon..... | " F. Richardson | " F. A. Hogle.... |
| 10 | *Norfolk..... | Sincoe | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " John Clarke... | " Amos A. Merrill. |
| 11 | *Moir..... | Belleville | Wednesday on or preceding f. m.. | " E. C. Flint..... | " R. L. Innes |
| 12 | *Golden Rule..... | Stanstead | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " C. S. Channel.. | " Wm. S. Foster... |
| 13 | *Western Light. | Bolton | Wednesday on or before full moon | ..... | ..... |
| 14 | *True Briton's | Perth | First Monday..... | ..... | ..... |
| 15 | St. George's | St. Catharines | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " L. S. Oille..... | " J. A. MacLaren. |
| 16 | St. Andrew's..... | Toronto | Second Tuesday | " J. Adams | " Jas. McEdward.. |
| 17 | St. John's..... | Cobourg | Monday on or before full moon.. | " W. I. Stanton. | " Robt. Fraser ... |
| 18 | *Prince Edward's... | Pictou | Thursday on or preceding f. m.. | " H. T. Wood... | " James Austin.... |
| 19 | *St. George's | Montreal | Third Tuesday..... | " Wm. Angus | " Thos. Shannon . |
| 20 | *St. John's | London | Second Tuesday | " R. Booth | " F. M. Sowdon.. |
| 21 | *Zetland | Montreal | Second Thursday | " J. H. Isaacson | " M. D. Dawson... |
| 22 | King Solomon's | Toronto | Second Thursday | " A. T. Houel... | " M. Doyle |
| 23 | *Richmond..... | Richm'nd Hill | Thursday on or before full moon. | ..... | " J. H. Gilbert ... |
| 24 | *St. Francis..... | Smith's Falls. | Friday on or before full moon... | ..... | " Alf. M. Lafferty. |
| 25 | *Ionic | Toronto | First Tuesday | " J. K. Kerr..... | " Stewart Moag .. |
| 26 | *Ontario | Port Hope | Third Thursday | " R. Nicholls.... | " J. F. Lash |
| | | | | | " Wm. Read |

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

| NO. | LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | NIGHT OF MEETING. | W. MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 27 | *Strict Observance.. | Hamilton | Third Tuesday | " F. C. Bruce.... | " A. J. Nuthall .. |
| 28 | *Mount Zion | Kemptville .. | Wednesday preceding full moon.. | " A. Blackburn.. | " Jas. H. Shaver.. |
| 29 | *United | Brighton | Thursday before full moon..... | " E. W. Edwards. | " W. A. Mayhew.. |
| 30 | *Composite | Whitby | First Thursday | " J. B. Powell.. | " L. Fairbanks, jr. |
| 31 | *Jerusalem | Bowmanville. | Wednesday on or before full moon | " F. F. McArthur | " R. O. Dickson .. |
| 32 | *Amity | Dunnville.... | Wednesday after full moon..... | " J. T. Farrell.. | " James Lindsay.. |
| 34 | *Thistle | Amherstburg. | Tuesday before full moon..... | " M. J. Salmoni. | " C. J. Fortier.... |
| 35 | St. John's | Cayuga | Thursday on or after full moon... | " J. H. Russell ... | " Wm. S. Wood .. |
| 36 | Welland | Fonthill | Thursday on or before full moon.. | " S. C. Howey ... | " C. C. Parks |
| 37 | *King Hiram | Ingersoll | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " P. J. Brown ... | " Chas. H. Sorley.. |
| 38 | *Trent | Trenton | Tuesday before full moon..... | " H. W. Delany.. | " David Roblin... |
| 39 | *Mount Zion | Brooklin..... | Tuesday on or preceding f. m..... | " James Baird... | " J. P. Campbell.. |
| 40 | *St. John's | Hamilton | Third Thursday | " J. G. McIntyre. | " A. Rutherford .. |
| 41 | *St. George's | Kingsville ... | Thursday on or before full moon. | " E. Allworth ... | " James Cady |
| 42 | *St. George's | London..... | First Thursday | " Thos. Mahon ... | " J. A. Balkwill.. |
| 43 | *King Solomon's... | Woodstock ... | Tuesday on or before full moon... | " John Paterson . | " Chas. E. Magee .. |
| 44 | *St. Thomas | St. Thomas ... | First Thursday | " John Midgley . | " George Searff ... |
| 45 | Brant | Brantford | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " John Taylor.... | " John Bishop.... |
| 46 | *Wellington | Chatham | Second Monday | " J. E. Brooke... | " J. H. Luscombe. |
| 47 | *Great Western .. | Windsor | Thursday on or before full moon. | " Geo. Grant | " Bell Irwin |
| 48 | *Madoc | Madoc | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " B. H. Maybee.. | " Jas. O'Hara, jr... |
| 49 | *Harington | Quebec | Third Thursday | " J. Tweddell ... | " Albert Smithson. |
| 50 | *Consecon | Consecon | Friday on or before full moon... | " J. B. Nethery.. | " L. C. Bailey.... |
| 51 | *Corinthian | Grahamville . | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " Thos. Graham .. | " Chris. Burrell.. |
| 53 | *Shefford | Waterloo | First Monday | " Geo. H. Allen . | " J. P. Noyes..... |
| 54 | *Vaughan | Maple | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " W. C. Patterson | " Henry Miller... |
| 55 | *Mirickville | Mirickville! .. | Tuesday after full moon | " | " Robert Gwynne. |
| 56 | *Victoria | Sarnia | Tuesday before full moon | " Robt. S. Gurd.. | " Jas. Gowans, jr.. |

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|----|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| 58 | *Doric..... | Ottawa..... | First Wednesday..... | " | " Thos. H. Kirby | " D. P. Williams.. |
| 59 | *Corinthian | Ottawa..... | Third Tuesday..... | " | " E. C. Barber... | " Geo. H. Lane... |
| 60 | *Hoyle..... | La Colle..... | Second Tuesday..... | " | " W. H. Vanclict.. | " R. Foster..... |
| 61 | *Acacia..... | Hamilton..... | Fourth Friday..... | " | " Edw. Mitchell.. | " Jas. Bellings... |
| 62 | *St. Andrew's..... | Caledonia..... | Wednesday on or before full moon | " | " Chas. Hunter... | " Matt. Howard... |
| 64 | *Kilwinning..... | London..... | Third Thursday..... | " | " T. F. McMullen | " M. W. Manville.. |
| 66 | *Durham..... | Newcastle..... | Friday on or before full moon.... | " | " R. T. Wilkinson | " M. W. Bayly... |
| 67 | *St. Francis..... | Richmond..... | First Thursday..... | " | " W. J. Allison... | " John Gayfer.... |
| 68 | *St. John's..... | Ingersoll..... | Thursday on or before full moon. | " | " George E. Bull.. | " Albert Chard... |
| 69 | *Stirling..... | Stirling..... | Thursday after full moon..... | " | " D. Thomas..... | " S. A. Stevens... |
| 71 | *Victoria..... | Sherbrooke... | Second Tuesday..... | " | " T. S. Fisher... | " John Allan..... |
| 72 | Alma..... | Galt..... | Thursday on or before full moon. | " | " Thos. S. Shortt.. | " W. B. Weir..... |
| 73 | *St. James'..... | St. Mary's..... | Monday nearest full moon..... | " | " Adon. Burritt.. | " G. H. M'Henry.. |
| 74 | *St. James'..... | Maitland..... | First Monday..... | " | " W. Hamilton, jr. | " Bern'd Saunders. |
| 75 | St. John's..... | Toronto..... | First Monday..... | " | " John Turquand. | " C. R. Turquand. |
| 76 | *Oxford..... | Woodstock... | Second Wednesday..... | " | " Henry Gladman | " D. McDonald, jr. |
| 77 | *Faithful Brethren. | Lindsay..... | Wednesday before full moon..... | " | " L. S. Sinclair... | " W. S. Law, p.t.. |
| 78 | *King Hiram..... | Tilsonburgh.. | Wednesday on or before full moon | " | " J. W. H. Wilson | " Edward Marrow. |
| 79 | Simcoe..... | Bradford..... | Thursday after full moon..... | " | " Edwin Morris.. | " Andrew Wilson. |
| 80 | Albion..... | Newbury..... | First Tuesday..... | " | " Geo. Billington | " John Auld..... |
| 81 | *St. John's..... | Delaware..... | Tuesday on or before full moon... | " | " Wm. S. Martin.. | " Thos. McCosh... |
| 82 | St. John's..... | Paris..... | First Tuesday..... | " | " Richard Bell... | " Alex. Johnston.. |
| 83 | *Beaver..... | Strathroy.... | Friday on or after full moon..... | " | " Fred. H. Sharp.. | " Thomas Cooper. |
| 84 | *Clinton..... | Clinton..... | Wednesday on or after full moon. | " | " A. A. Chamberlin | " Wm. H. Giles... |
| 85 | Rising Sun..... | Farmersville. | Thursday nearest full moon..... | " | " John Segsworth | " Alex. Patterson. |
| 86 | *Wilson..... | Toronto..... | Third Tuesday..... | " | " T. P. White.... | " John D. McPhee. |
| 87 | Markham Union..... | Markham..... | Friday on or before full moon.... | " | " H. Macpherson. | " David R. Dobie.. |
| 88 | St. George's..... | Owen Sound.. | Wednesday on or before full moon | " | " John Nettleton. | " E. R. Carpenter. |
| 90 | *Manito..... | Collingwood.. | Wednesday on or after full moon. | " | " George Goslee.. | " Addison Vars... |
| 91 | *Colborne..... | Colborne..... | Friday on or before full moon.... | " | " R. Hendry, jr.. | " R. C. Benedict.. |
| 92 | Catarqui..... | Kingston..... | Second Wednesday..... | " | " David Gairdner | " Dewitt H. Martyn |
| 93 | *Northern Light... | Kincardine... | Thursday after full moon..... | " | " Chas. H. Brown | " Thos. Edgcomb. |
| 94 | *St. Mark's..... | Port Stanley. | Second Tuesday..... | " | | |

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

| NO. | LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | NIGHT OF MEETING. | W. MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
|-----|---------------------|----------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| 95 | Ridout | Otterville ... | Thursday on or before full moon, of every month. | W. Br. John Wood . | Br. Gerv. Goodwin . |
| 96 | *Corinthian | Barrie | Thursday on or before full moon. | " M. H. Spencer . | " A. B. McPhee .. |
| 97 | *Sharon | Sharon | Tuesday on or before full moon. | " H. P. Levey ... | " Henry Watson ... |
| 98 | *True Blue | Albion | Friday on or before full moon... | " Wm. Graham ... | " R. H. Booth ... |
| 99 | *Tuscan | Newmarket .. | Second Wednesday | " James Sykes ... | " Wm. Trent |
| 100 | Valley | Dundas | First Wednesday | " W. B. Irving ... | " R. K. Johnston . |
| 101 | *Corinthian | Peterboro' ... | Wednesday preceding full moon. | " R. Dennistoun . | " John O'Donnell . |
| 103 | *Maple Leaf | St. Catharines | Thursday on or after full moon... | " Jas. B. Fowler . | " Lawrence Lemon . |
| 104 | St. John's | Norwichville . | Wednesday after full moon | " S. J. Woodrow . | " Wm. Topham ... |
| 105 | St. Mark's | Drum'dville . | Tuesday on or before full moon. | " John Bartle ... | " M. B. Morris ... |
| 106 | *Burford | Burford | Wednesday before full moon | " Jacob Bingham . | " Wm. S. Walker . |
| 107 | St. Paul's | Lambeth ... | Second Wednesday | " D. B. Burch ... | " J. S. Baker |
| 108 | Blenheim | Drumbo | Wednesday on or before full moon | " Alex. Ross ... | " Robt. A. Laidlaw |
| 109 | Albion | Harrowsmith . | Tuesday after full moon | " N. F. Dupuis ... | " Edward Upham . |
| 110 | *Central | Prescott ... | Tuesday before full moon | " James Reynolds | " And. Melville .. |
| 112 | Maitland | Goderich | Second Tuesday | " Bern'd Trainer . | " Jas. Thompson . |
| 113 | *Wilson | Waterford ... | Wednesday on or before full moon | " Thos. W. Clark . | " J. W. Squire |
| 114 | *Hope | Port Hope ... | First Thursday | " J. G. Williams . | " |
| 115 | *Ivy | Smithville ... | Tuesday on or after full moon... | " W. W. Telfer ... | " W. V. Hare |
| 116 | *Cassia | Widder | Monday on or before full moon... | " John Dallas ... | " Daniel Chunas .. |
| 117 | *Stanbridge | Stanbridge ... | Wednesday on or before full moon | " M. R. Meigs ... | " William Elder ... |
| 118 | Union | Lloydtown ... | Monday on or before full moon... | " Wm. Schofield . | " Edw. A. Hogg ... |
| 119 | *Maple Leaf | Bath | Monday before full moon | " W. F. Peterson . | " Henry S. Finkle . |
| 120 | Warren | Fingal | Second Thursday | " W. B. Burgess . | " Rod'ck Cochrane |
| 121 | *Doric | Brantford ... | Friday on or preceding full moon. | " Thos. Patterson | " Jas. P. Excell ... |
| 122 | *Renfrew | Renfrew ... | Tuesday nearest full moon | " Benj. Freer ... | " Thos. B. Muir ... |
| 123 | *The Belleville ... | Belleville ... | First Thursday | " John Taylor ... | " J. Park'r Thomas |
| 124 | *Montreal Kilwin'g | Montreal ... | Second Monday | " John S. Clark .. | " W. H. Hall |
| 125 | *Cornwall | Cornwall ... | Monday on or after full moon... | " James Hawkes . | " James Kilgour .. |
| 126 | *Golden Rule | Campbellsford | Tuesday after full moon | " E. W. Edwards . | " J. Dinwoodie, s'r. |
| 127 | Frank | Frankford ... | Monday before full moon | " M. T. Davis ... | " C. A. Flower ... |

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| 128 | *Pembroke | Pembroke ... | Tuesday before full moon | " | " John Supple | " Jas. F. Monat |
| 129 | *The Rising Sun | Aurora | Friday on or after full moon | " | " Seth Ashton | " Wm. Willis |
| 130 | *Yamaska | Granby | Wednesday before full moon | " | " J. G. Whitcomb | " A. H. Gilmour |
| 131 | *St. Lawrence | Southampton | Second Tuesday | " | " F. C. Smith | " Jas. A. Burwash |
| 133 | *Lebanon Forest | Franceston | Monday on or before full moon | " | " David Wilkie | " Jacob Hand |
| 134 | *Shawanegam | Three Rivers | Second Wednesday | " | " T. G. Farmer | " W. T. Richabey |
| 135 | *St. Clair | Milton | Thursday on or before full moon | " | " George Smith | " Isaac Cartmer |
| 136 | Richardson | Stouffville | Wednesday on or before full moon | " | " John Stevenson | " Richard Knill |
| 137 | *Pythagoras | Meaford | Friday on or after full moon | " | " James Cleland | " Alex. Thompson |
| 138 | *Aylmer | Aylmer, P. Q. | Second Tuesday | " | " C. H. Church | " John Mercer |
| 139 | Lebanon | Oshawa | Second Tuesday | " | " John Boyd | " Wm. McCabe |
| 140 | *Malabide | Aylmer, Ont. | Wednesday on or after full moon | " | " Ira C. Lee | " Robt. Ward |
| 141 | *Tudor | Mitchell | Tuesday on or before full moon | " | " J. M. Dunsmore | " D. H. Stewart |
| 142 | *Excelsior | Morrisburgh | Thursday on or before full moon | " | " A. G. Macdonell | " John Tetterly |
| 143 | *Friendly Brothers | Iroquois | Wednesday before full moon | " | " J. Stephenson | " John N. Tuttle |
| 144 | *Tecumseh | Stratford | Thursday on or before full moon | " | " John Rennie | " Geo. T. Davis |
| 145 | J. B. Hall | Millbrook | Second Thursday | " | " S. J. Howell | " G. B. Armstrong |
| 146 | *Prince of Wales | Newburgh | Wednesday before full moon | " | " H. M. Wright | " Wm. H. Miller |
| 147 | Mississippi | Almonte | Friday on or before full moon | " | " Wm. Mostyn | " John Menzies |
| 148 | *Civil Service | Seat of Gov't | Second Tuesday | " | " Thos. Monroe | " G. C. Reifenstein |
| 149 | Eric | Port Dover | Monday on or before full moon | " | " Berkley Powell | " Frederick Skep |
| 150 | *Hastings | Hastings | Thursday on or before full moon | " | " J. C. Harrison | " Joseph A. Fife |
| 151 | The Grand River | Berlin | Tuesday on or before full moon | " | " Charles Hendry | " N. F. Simons |
| 152 | Clarenceville | Clarenceville | Third Thursday | " | " C. S. Rowe | " J. W. Fleming |
| 153 | *Burns | Wyoming | Thursday on or before full moon | " | " M. C. Roblin | " W. B. Collins |
| 154 | *Irving | Lucan | Thursday on or before full moon | " | " Wm. Diamond | " Robert Fox |
| 155 | *Peterborough | Peterboro' | First Friday | " | " Geo. Burnham | " J. I. Davidson |
| 156 | *York | Eglinton | Thursday on or before full moon | " | " John Fisher | " C. C. Beckett |
| 157 | Simpson | Delta | Tuesday on or after full moon | " | " R. H. Preston | " A. M. Bell |
| 158 | Alexandra | Oil Springs | Thursday on or after full moon | " | " Isiah Danks | " Henry Brown |
| 159 | Goodwood | Richm'd, Ont. | First Tuesday | " | " Edward Reilly | " George Riekey |
| 160 | Quebec Garrison | Quebec | Second Saturday | " | " Wm. Press | " John Dan, p. t. |
| 161 | Percy | Warkworth | Wednesday before full moon | " | " W. T. Wiggins | " Royal P. Hurlbut |
| 162 | Forest | Wroxeter | Wednesday after full moon | " | " John Moffat | " John Kaine |
| 163 | Browne | West Farnham | Friday on or before full moon | " | " William Adams | " Edw. H. Higgins |

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

| NO. | LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | NIGHT OF MEETING. | W. MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
|-----|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 164 | *Star in the East... | Wellington .. | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " S. W. Flagler.. | " Don'l'd Campbell |
| 165 | *Burlington | Wellington Sq. | Wednesday on or before full moon | " Wm. Kerus ... | " Robert Halson.. |
| 166 | Wentworth..... | Stoney Creek. | Monday on or before full moon .. | " E. M. McMillan | " Geo. Slingerland |
| 167 | Royal Albert | Montreal | First Wednesday | " E. P. Hannaford | " Thomas Parsons. |
| 168 | Merritt | Welland | Monday on or before full moon... | " Moses Betts... | " James E. Baxter |
| 169 | Macnab | Port Colborne. | Tuesday on or before full moon.. | " James Hardison | " James R. Haun . |
| 170 | *Britannia | Seaforth | Monday on or after full moon.... | " Julius Duncan. | " John Hickson .. |
| 171 | Prince of Wales... | Iona | Friday on or after full moon.... | " John Edgcombe | " Nicol McCall ... |
| 172 | *Ayr | Ayr | Tuesday on or after full moon... | " Donald McLean | " T. M. Anderson. |
| 173 | *Victoria | Montreal | First Monday..... | " Alex. Murray.. | " Chas. H. Walters |
| 174 | *Walsingham..... | Port Rowan .. | First Thursday after full moon... | " S. N. Holt..... | " William Ross... |
| 175 | *Saint John's | South Potton. | Wednesday before full moon..... | " D. A. Manson.. | " L. C. Moore.... |
| 176 | Spartan | Sparta | Monday on or after full moon.... | " F. A. Henderson | " H. Kirkland.... |
| 177 | *The Builders' | Ottawa' | Friday on or before full moon.... | " Sam'l Rogers .. | " John Stewart... |
| 178 | Plattsville | Plattsville .. | Friday on or before full moon.... | " G. B. Philip... . | " George Perry... |
| 179 | *Bothwell..... | Bothwell | Wednesday on or before full moon | " Wm. Reid | " Wm. E. Gardiner |
| 180 | *Speed | Guelph | Second Tuesday..... | " Jas. M. Dunn.. | " A. B. Petrie |
| 181 | Oriental | Port Burwell. | Tuesday on or before full moon... | " T. M. Nairn... . | " Alex. McBride.. |
| 182 | Tuscan | Levis..... | First Friday..... | " John Breakey.. | " John Buchanan. |
| 183 | Prince Albert..... | Prince Albert. | Friday on or before full moon.... | " James Baird... | " Jno. S. Tennant. |
| 184 | Old Light..... | Lucknow | Thursday on or before full moon. | " Jas. Somerville. | " Robert H. Davis. |
| 185 | Enniskillen | York | Monday on or before full moon .. | " Wm. N. Barrie. | " W. Chamberlain. |
| 186 | Plantagenet | Plantagenet .. | Monday on or before full moon... | " H. D. Pichel .. | " H. Rose..... |
| 187 | Royal Canadian... | Sweetsburgh .. | Second Wednesday..... | " I. H. Stearns... | " E. N. Wright... |
| 188 | Ascot..... | Lennoxville.. | Monday on or before full moon... | " John Willmer.. | " Charles L. Shain |
| 189 | Filius Vidue | Adolphustown | Wednesday on or before full moon | " E. McKay..... | " H. O. Wood |
| 190 | Belmont | Belmont | Friday on or before full moon... | " Geo. Wood..... | " R. J. Oliver |
| 191 | Ashlar | Canticook..... | First Wednesday | " D. M. Mulloch. | " W. S. Walker... |
| 192 | Orillia | Orillia..... | Friday on or after full moon..... | " Fred. Mudge .. | |
| 193 | Scotland | Scotland | Monday on or before full moon... | | |

AT REST.

| NAMES. | No. | LODGE. | DATE. |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----------------------|
| William Baker | 1 | Prevost | March 13.....1866 |
| Robert McKnight..... | 2 | Niagara..... | November 19.....1866 |
| Charles Dickinson..... | 5 | Sussex..... | February 19.....1867 |
| William Harvey..... | | | July 23.....1867 |
| John Thomas..... | 6 | Barton | July 23.....1866 |
| Samuel Kitchen..... | | | January 21.....1867 |
| D. H. Allison..... | 7 | Union | April 22.....1867 |
| George F. Thomas | | | July 17.....1866 |
| Charles Partington | | | August 1.....1866 |
| William Dougal Young..... | 11 | Moir..... | July 20.....1866 |
| Osmond Boynton | 12 | Golden Rule..... | February 20.....1867 |
| John Murray | 14 | True Briton's..... | September 1.....1863 |
| William Wardie..... | | | January |
| Eleazer W. Stephenson | 15 | St. George's..... | April 23.....1867 |
| George Stoker..... | | | December 17.....1866 |
| John H. Richey..... | 16 | St. Andrew's | September 10.....1866 |
| John McAlpin Cameron..... | | | December 11.....1866 |
| Thomas Hind..... | 17 | St. John's..... | December 24.....1866 |
| R. M. Sawyer..... | 18 | Prince Edward's..... | May 14.....1867 |
| Thomas Henry Wycott | | | September 6.....1866 |
| Henry Brown | 22 | King Solomon's..... | November 23.....1866 |
| Edward Miles..... | 25 | Ionic | July |
| Colin C. Murchison | 28 | Mount Zion..... | July 30.....1866 |
| P. C. Maybey..... | 29 | United | August 5.....1866 |
| William Wilderspin | 34 | Thistle .. | July 4.....1866 |
| Luther Aldrich | 37 | King Hiram | February 6.....1867 |
| James Walter Chambers..... | | | February 25.....1867 |
| Thomas Clark..... | 42 | St. George's | June 12.....1867 |
| Alexander McDonald | | | October 13.....1866 |
| S. W. Ruse | | | January 1.....1867 |
| John Taylor..... | | | March 10.....1867 |
| Henry Brown..... | 43 | King Solomon's..... | November 23.....1866 |
| David Paulin | | | January 28.....1867 |
| George Forbes | | | October 10.....1867 |
| Henry Yardington | 45 | Brant | January 3.....1867 |
| John A. Wilkes..... | | | April 13.....1867 |
| William Walker..... | | | |
| Emmett A. McElroy..... | | | May 15.....1867 |
| George Turnbull | 46 | Wellington | May 2.....1867 |
| William Dillon | | | October 18.....1867 |
| John Shields | 53 | Sheffield | April |
| Jonathan Robinson | | | |
| Abraham Slocum | 56 | Victoria | June 30.....1866 |
| James L. Bangs | 58 | Doric | April 23.....1867 |
| Richard Ruddy | 62 | St. Andrew's | December 10.....1866 |
| Marcus Levine | | | October 28.....1866 |
| George Hope Napier | 67 | St. Francis | January 14.....1867 |
| George Simpson | | | June 8.....1867 |
| John Patterson | 68 | St. John's..... | January 17.....1867 |
| Charles Parkhurst | | | July 13.....1867 |
| William Goodall, jr..... | 72 | Alma | September 6.....1866 |
| John Adam | 73 | St. James' | August 5.....1866 |
| A. O. Fenwick | | | March 18.....1867 |
| James Benchall..... | 75 | St. John's..... | May 7.....1867 |
| George B. Wyllie | | | October 29.....1866 |
| George M. Hamilton | | | November 29.....1866 |
| Richard Parker..... | | | December 26.....1866 |
| C. B. Hankinson | 76 | Oxford | June 6.....1867 |
| Jordan Charles | | | September 9.....1866 |
| Peter Taylor..... | 78 | King Hiram..... | May 26.....1867 |
| Daniel Graham | 79 | Simcoe..... | November 28.....1866 |
| William Henderson..... | 83 | Beaver | February 17.....1866 |

AT REST.

| NAMES. | No. | LODGE. | DATE. |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----------------------|
| John H. Demott..... | 87 | Markham Union..... | February 2.....1867 |
| Alexander Thompson..... | | | April 22.....1867 |
| Richard Fleming..... | | | December 5.....1866 |
| B. Stacey..... | 92 | Cataraqui..... | June 28.....1867 |
| Daniel McLean..... | | | July 20.....1867 |
| John Townley..... | 99 | Tuscan..... | December 4.....1866 |
| James F. Quackenbush .. | 100 | Valley..... | February 19.....1867 |
| Peter Thompson..... | 105 | St. Mark's..... | November 7.....1866 |
| Benjamin Ferguson..... | | | August 23.....1866 |
| James Beattie..... | 107 | St. Paul's..... | December 25.....1866 |
| George Veitch..... | 108 | Blenheim..... | December.....1866 |
| George Phelps Barker..... | | | March 1.....1867 |
| Ephraim LeBatt..... | 110 | Central..... | March 28.....1867 |
| John Robert Dark..... | | | March 31.....1867 |
| William Story..... | 112 | Maitland..... | June 9.....1867 |
| James Johnston..... | | | November 23.....1866 |
| Angus Prinzer..... | 119 | Maple Leaf..... | December 17.....1866 |
| William Walker..... | | | May.....1867 |
| William Chamberlain..... | 123 | The Belleville..... | August 21.....1867 |
| John Brewster..... | | | December 21.....1866 |
| Thomas Wynne..... | 124 | Montreal Kilwinning..... |1866 |
| James Hibbert..... | | |1866 |
| Rowland Caldwell..... | 131 | St. Lawrence..... | March 16.....1867 |
| William C. Dascumb..... | 135 | St. Clair..... | May.....1866 |
| William Corley..... | 136 | Richardson..... | October 16.....1866 |
| Josephus Mohr..... | 137 | Pythagoras..... | June 4.....1866 |
| Charles Scott..... | 138 | Aylmer..... | October 7.....1866 |
| A. H. Montgomery..... | 144 | Tecumseh..... | August 7.....1867 |
| A. F. G. Hooper..... | | | November 30.....1866 |
| J. F. Hope..... | 146 | Prince of Wales..... | November.....1867 |
| Matthew Anderson..... | | | May 7.....1867 |
| Robert W. Torre..... | 147 | Mississippi..... | July.....1866 |
| Jonathan Carter..... | 148 | Civil Service..... | April 30.....1867 |
| J. H. Danford..... | 162 | Forest..... | February 16.....1867 |
| Jacob Shanty..... | 177 | The Builders'..... | December 5.....1866 |
| George Veitch..... | | | December 25.....1866 |
| Richard Ruddy..... | 178 | Plattsville..... | February 11.....1867 |
| | 185 | Enniskillen..... | |



SUSPENSIONS.—Unmasonic Conduct.

No. 2.—Niagara Lodge, Niagara.

John Hall.

No. 14.—True Briton's Lodge, Perth.

John Stewart.

No. 19.—St. George's Lodge, Montréal.

Robert T. Durrell.

No. 96.—Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.

Jonathan Lane.

No. 104.—St. John's Lodge, Norwichville.

George W. Tidey.

No. 121.—Doric Lodge, Brantford.

James Yardington.

No. 144.—Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.

J. L. Pollak.

SUSPENSIONS.—Non-Payment of Dues.

—Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.

Jean Baptiste Leger, Thos. Matthews, Albert M. Ott, Wm. Withey, P. Norris.

No. 2.—Niagara Lodge, Niagara.

John Hall, Charles Schlusman, William Hutchinson.

No. 5.—Sussex Lodge, Brockville.

David Brennan, Edward Lawless, D. S. Allan.

No. 7.—Union Lodge, Grimsby.

William Davidson, Edward Collingwood.

No. 9.—Union Lodge, Napanee.

Douglas Nichols, Mark P. Rogers, William Dunwood, Abel Yates, William H. Fralick, J. Helliwell, Moses Williams, George Schriver, Jr.

No. 14.—True Briton's Lodge, Perth.

J. G. Haggarty, James Bell, R. L. Howden, R. E. Matthews, John Morris James Somers, Charles Canwith.

No. 16.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.

Robert Mitchell.

No. 18.—Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton.

William Booth, John Elliot, William Brisbane, Nelson Dodge, Charles A. McDonald, John W. Youman's, J. H. Butler, Wm. B. Blakely, P. Clapp.

No. 19.—St. George's Lodge, Montreal.

Pembroke Chrysler, Ludger Labelle, Harry Seymour, Thomas McBride, J. G. Beuallack, George Nolan, Alex. Taylor, David Douglas, Thos. Edwards.

No. 21.—Zetland Lodge, Montreal.

John James Brown, R. Unwin, H. Bark, W. A. Bovey, C. S. Brown, Wm. Selby, Ashley Hibbard, C. B. Lalaine.

No. 26.—Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.

Jeremiah McCarty, George M. Furley, Timothy O'Connell.

No. 30.—Composite Lodge, Whitby.

James Wallace, J. A. Clark.

No. 32.—Amity Lodge, Dunnville.

Thos. Spinks, James Dickson, John Scholfield, Edgar Barker, W. A. McCrae,
John Montague, R. Flowers, John S. Johnson.

No. 35.—St. John's Lodge, Cayuga.

William Mussen, Charles Baird, James Conroy, Richard Russell Gubbins.

No. 36.—Welland Lodge, Fonthill.

Robert Hobson, Warren Dunnigan.

No. 40.—St. John's Lodge, Hamilton.

C. H. VanNorman, John Houlgrave.

No. 44.—St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas.

John Rowland, Andrew Thompson, John Baird, W. J. White.

No. 45.—Brant Lodge, Brantford.

Alexander Howie, Abraham Kerby.

No. 46.—Wellington Lodge, Chatham.

Joshua Biles, W. G. Foot, John W. Keating, H. V. A. McCrae, Alexander
Miller, David Wilson, A. P. McDonald, J. Smith, Otis Ingalls, W. H. Nelson.

No. 49.—Harington Lodge, Quebec.

William Sweatman, John Porter, J. P. M. Lecourt, Andrew Mulholland,
Robert Clark, Napoleon Blais, Francis Lachance, John Walker.

No. 54.—Vaughan Lodge, Maple.

Edward C. Fox.

No. 58.—Doric Lodge, Ottawa.

W. J. Mills, John Rogers, Thos. Hurton, James Clark, Edward Brown,
Samuel Dyde, T. DeHortel, Charles Esplin, Paul McNally.

No. 62.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.

James Neilson.

No. 66.—Durham Lodge, Newcastle.

R. S. Bradley.

No. 68.—St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.

J. J. Hoyt.

No. 71.—Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke.

Jonathan Brown, Richard Freeman, J. H. Mitchell.

No. 72.—Alma Lodge, Galt.

Chester C. Cameron.

No. 75.—St. John's Lodge, Toronto.

Thos. Jackson, H. E. Willmott, G. R. Young, F. Slaney, Royal Hill.

No. 82.—St. John's Lodge, Paris.

Archibald Huton.

No. 84.—Clinton Lodge, Clinton.

Byron Andrews, Leveret M. Anderson, Frederick Wilson, Alex. McKenzie,
John Brett, John Clark, Arnold R. Kerig, Arthur M. Richards, Alfred Torr,
Thomas Playford, William Teat, Thomas Evershed.

No. 86.—Wilson Lodge, Toronto.

Alfred Joselin.

No. 88.—St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound.

John McDonald.

No. 89.—King Hiram Lodge, Lindsay.

William Sheppard.

No. 92.—Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston.

Samuel Black, George Campbell, Benjamin Holder, H. Mulkins, Wm. Manton, Wm. Somerville, George P. Sexton, John S. Smith, Alex. Phillips.

No. 95.—Ridout Lodge, Otterville.

Charles Lewis, William A. Narrowway.

No. 96.—Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.

John Campbell, Jonathan Lane.

No. 100.—Valley Lodge, Dundas.

Thomas L. Reed, Thomas Robertson, Samuel Cornell, Ira Darling, Augustus Ostwold, Thomas Hobson, William Taylor.

No. 101.—Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro'.

Martin Dunsford, Albert A. E. Lethbridge.

No. 105.—St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.

Vincent Cornwall, Richard Clement.

No. 106.—Burford Lodge, Burford.

A. G. Ward, Jas. Tremble, W. P. Beemer, John Martin.

No. 107.—St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth.

Isaac Nevils, Enoch Sutton, John FitzAllen, Jeremiah Beatie, John Summers
Thomas Fraser.

No. 108.—Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo.

John S. Morrison, William Taylor.

No. 109.—Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith.

Charles Joyner.

No. 117.—Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge.

H. N. Whitman, J. D. Hatch.

No. 124.—Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.

William Bayley, William Haynen, Samuel H. Brown, David Humphrey,
Henry Richardson.

No. 130.—Yamaska Lodge, Granby.

J. D. Shumway, David Hall.

No. 135.—St. Clair Lodge, Milton.

James B. Lindsay, Isaac Hunter.

No. 136.—Richardson Lodge, Stouffville.

George Brown, D. G. McIntosh.

No. 140.—Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, Ont.

John Farthings, Alexander D. Summers.

No. 142.—Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburgh.

William Garvey, jr., James Perkins.

No. 144.—Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.

John Fryburgh, W. Kastner, Samuel Inman, A. J. B. McDonald.

No. 147.—*Mississippi Lodge, Almonte.*

Johael B. Royce, George Bush.

No. 150.—*Hastings Lodge, Hastings.*

Nathan H. Cooper.

No. 151.—*The Grand River Lodge, Berlin.*

John H. Ussher.

No. 160.—*Quebec Garrison Lodge, Quebec.*

W. O'Neil, J. Campbell, J. Murray, J. McArthur, Geo. Stewart, C. Haliwell,

No. 179.—*Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell.*

Jas. Sayright, A. McFarlande, Irwin Nesbitt.

RESTORATIONS.

—*Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.*

F. C. Dettmers.

No. 4, *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns.*

Henry Gillespy, James H. Bissell.

No. 5, *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*

Hiram Fulford, James D. Reynolds.

No. 6, *Barton Lodge, Hamilton.*

Duncan McGregor.

No. 7, *Union Lodge, Grimsby.*

Conrad Teeter, Robert Henry, B. Wrong, George Thomas, George F. Thomas, J. E. Vineing, Thomas Dowding.

No. 9, *Union Lodge, Napanee.*

Jekiel D. Roblin, Elijah E. Abbott.

No. 11, *Moirs Lodge, Belleville.*

Alfred Ellis.

No. 14, *True Briton's Lodge, Perth.*

Thomas Brooks, Bolton Cunningham, Prichard Shaw, William Graham, Robert Howden, John G. Haggart.

No. 15, *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.*

James C. Harris, Eleazer William Stephenson, Henry H. Collier, Elkawah Rogers, Donald Robertson, Alexander Lawson, James V. Lepper, James Murray, Theophilus Mack, James Cairns, Daniel D. Moore.

No. 16, *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.*

H. A. Glassford.

No. 18, *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton.*

David Denoon, James John Carter.

No. 22, *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto.*

Daniel Whale.

No. 25, *Ionic Lodge, Toronto.*

Columbus H. Green.

No. 27, *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton.*

John Edward Dallyn.

No. 29, United Lodge, Brighton.

Henry Squire.

No. 30, Composite Lodge, Whitby.

Alexander Pringle, William Henry Billings.

No. 32, Amity Lodge, Dunnville.

Thomas Woodsill.

No. 34, Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg.

Alexander Jones, William Hedley, John Gostage, William Horne, William Purdy, Alanson Elliott.

No. 37, King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll.

Dennis Horseman.

No. 43, King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock.

John Mitchell.

No. 45, Brant Lodge, Brantford.

Robert Scott, Hugh Wilson.

No. 47, Great Western Lodge, Windsor.

Andrew Philips.

No. 49, Harington Lodge, Quebec.

Michael Beaudry, James Gilchrist.

No. 54, Vaughan Lodge, Maple.

Joseph Ingram.

No. 58, Doric Lodge, Ottawa.

Robert Meikle, George Cox.

No. 59, Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa.

W. M. Matheson, John Poupore.

No. 72, Alma Lodge, Galt.

Hiram Fulford.

No. 76, Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.

Charles Iles.

No. 78, King Hiram, Tilsonburg.

Jacob Glover.

No. 86, Wilson Lodge, Toronto.

F. H. Smith.

No. 93, Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine.

P. B. Brown, Solomon Secord.

No. 94, St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley.

Johnson B. Smith.

No. 95, Ridout Lodge, Otterville.

A. J. Miller.

No. 103, Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines.

Joseph Watson, John Ambrose Goodman.

No. 106, Burford Lodge, Burford.

W. M. Whitehead.

No. 108, *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo.*

John B. Capron.

No. 110, *Central Lodge, Prescott.*

George Twomly.

No. 113, *Wilson Lodge, Waterford.*

Walter H. Boughner.

No. 120, *Warren Lodge, Fingal.*

U. C. Urquhart.

No. 121, *Doric Lodge, Brantford.*

John C. Marsland, John Harrison.

No. 150, *Hastings Lodge, Hastings.*

Adolphus Levelay.

No. 155, *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro'.*

William Helm.



LIST OF GRAND LODGES,

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, WITH THE NAMES
AND RESIDENCES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

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| England | Wm. Gray Clarke... | London. |
| Ireland | John E. Hyndman .. | Dublin. |
| Scotland | Wm. A. Lawrie..... | Edinburgh. |
| Alabama | Daniel Sayre | Montgomery. |
| Arkansas | W. D. Blocher..... | Little Rock. |
| California | Alexander G. Abell .. | San Francisco. |
| Colorado | Edward C. Parmelee .. | Central City. |
| Connecticut | John W. Paul | Waterbury. |
| Delaware | John P. Allmond..... | Wilmington. |
| District of Columbia... | William M. Smith .. | Washington. |
| Florida..... | Hugh A. Corley..... | Tallahassee. |
| Georgia | Simri Rose | Macon. |
| Illinois | H. G. Reynolds | Springfield. |
| Indiana | William Hacker..... | Shelbyville. |
| Iowa | Theo. S. Parvin | Iowa City. |
| Kansas | E. T. Carr..... | Leavenworth. |
| Kentucky | J. M. S. McCorkle... | Louisville. |
| Lousiana | Samuel M. Todd..... | New Orleans. |
| Maine..... | Ira Berry | Portland. |
| Maryland..... | Jacob H. Medairy .. | Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts | Charles W. Moore .. | Boston. |
| Michigan | James Fenton..... | Detroit. |
| Minnesota | Wm. S. Coombs..... | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi..... | D. P. Porter..... | Jackson. |
| Missouri..... | Geo. F. Gouley | St. Louis. |
| Nebraska | J. N. Wise | Plattsmouth. |
| Nevada | Robert H. Taylor .. | Virginia. |
| New York | James M. Austin..... | New York. |
| New Jersey..... | James H. Hough..... | Trenton. |
| New Hampshire | Horace Chase..... | Hopkinton. |
| North Carolina | W. T. Bain..... | Raleigh. |
| Ohio | John D. Caldwell..... | Cincinnati. |
| Oregon..... | J. E. Hurford..... | Oregon City. |
| Pennsylvania | Peter Williamson..... | Philadelphia. |
| Rhode Island | C. D. Greene | Providence. |
| South Carolina | R. S. Bruns..... | Charleston. |
| Tennessee | Charles A. Fuller..... | Nashville. |
| Texas..... | Geo. W. Bringhurst.. | Houston. |
| Virginia..... | John Dove | Richmond. |
| Vermont..... | Henry Clark | Poultney. |
| Wisconsin | W. T. Palmer..... | Milwaukee. |
| Washington Territory... | W. H. Wood | Stielawom. |
| Nova Scotia | C. J. Macdonald | Halifax. |

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1867-8.

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| M. W. Bro. | W. Mercer Wilson, Simcoe, Grand Master. | |
| R. | " " A. A. Stevenson, Montreal, Deputy Grand Master. | |
| " | " " Francis Westlake, London, D.D.G.M. London District. | |
| " | " " David Curtis, Brantford, " Wilson " | |
| " | " " M. C. Cameron, Goderich, " Huron " | |
| " | " " James Seymour, St. Catharines, " Hamilton " | |
| " | " " Edward A. Walker, Barrie, " Toronto " | |
| " | " " William McCabe, Oshawa, " Ontario " | |
| " | " " Donald Frazer, Picton, " P. Edward " | |
| " | " " J. P. Featherston, Ottawa, " Central " | |
| " | " " Richard Bull, Montreal, " Montreal " | |
| " | " " John H. Graham, Richmond, " E. Townships " | |
| " | " " Alexander Walker, Quebec " Quebec " | |
| " | " " Isaac H. Stearns, Lennoxville, Grand Senior Warden. | |
| " | " " John Turquand, Woodstock, Grand Junior Warden. | |
| " | " " Rev. V. Clementi, Lakefield, Grand Chaplain. | |
| " | " " Henry Groff, Simcoe, Grand Treasurer. | |
| " | " " Alex. Murray, Montreal, Grand Registrar. | |
| " | " " Thomas B. Harris, Hamilton, Grand Secretary. | |
| V. | " " John Clarke, Simcoe, Grand Senior Deacon. | |
| " | " " James Bowman, Stouffville, Grand Junior Deacon. | |
| " | " " M. H. Spencer, Barrie, Grand Superintendent of Works. | |
| " | " " William Edgar, Hamilton, Grand Director of Ceremonies. | |
| " | " " William Angus, Montreal, Assistant Grand Secretary. | |
| " | " " E. H. Parker, Kingston, Assistant Grand Dir. of Ceremonies. | |
| " | " " J. W. Lethbridge, Brantford, Grand Sword Bearer. | |
| " | " " E. McKay, Belmont, Grand Organist. | |
| " | " " H. Waterman, London, Assistant Grand Organist. | |
| " | " " Stanislaus H. Blondheim, Kingston, Grand Pursuivant. | |
| " | " " James Heron, London, Grand Tyler. | |
| " | " " M. M. Tait, Richmond, | } Grand Stewards. |
| " | " " J. Paterson, Woodstock, | |
| " | " " William Wilkinson, Quebec, | |
| " | " " Thos. C. Macnabb, Chatham, | |
| " | " " H. O. Meigs, Stanbridge, | |
| " | " " S. W. Flagler, Wellington, | |
| " | " " Peter J. Brown, Ingersoll, | |
| " | " " J. S. Clarke, Montreal, | |
| " | " " Joseph Hurssell, Cayuga, | |
| " | " " James M. Dunn, Guelph, | |
| " | " " J. Kirkpatrick Kerr, Toronto, | |
| " | " " E. P. Hannaford, Montreal, | |

REPRESENTATIVES

FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

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| R. W. Bro. | The Right Hon. Lord DeTably, | at the U. G. L. of England. |
| " " " | James Vokes Mackey, | Ireland. |
| " " " | Lindsay Mackersey, | Scotland. |
| " " " | _____ | Vermont. |
| " " " | William Pitt Preble, | Maine. |
| " " " | Henry W. Turner, | New York. |
| " " " | Horner A. Johnson, | Illinois. |
| " " " | Jacinto De Castro, | St. Domingo. |
| " " " | Andrew Kerr MacKinley, | Nova Scotia. |
| " " " | E. T. Carr, | Kansas. |
| Ill. Bro. | J. M. C. Obed, | at the Grand Orient Cuba. |
| Ill. " | Dr. Francesco De Paula Romas, | Brazil. |
| Ill. " | J. M. Samper Angiano, | New Grenada. |
| Ill. " | Antonio M. Mollejas, | Venezuela. |
| Ill. " | Joas Caetano D'Almeida, | Portugal. |
| Ill. " | Luis Goapil, 33°, | Mexico. |
| Ill. " | Francesco De Luca, | Italy. |
| Ill. " | A. M. Medina, | Chili. |
| Ill. " | Laurentino Ximenez, 33°, | Uruguay. |

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AT THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

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| M.W. Bro. | _____ | from the Grand Lodge of England. |
| R. " " | Kivas Tully, | Ireland. |
| " " " | Thomas Drummond, | Scotland. |
| M. " " | W. Mercer Wilson, | Illinois. |
| " " " | A. Bernard, | Vermont. |
| R. " " | Thomas B. Harris, | Kansas. |
| " " " | John H. Graham, | Maine. |
| " " " | James A. Henderson, | New York. |
| M. " " | Thos. Douglas Harington, | Nova Scotia. |
| " " " | William Mercer Wilson, | Grand Orient St. Domingo. |
| " " " | " " " | Cuba. |
| R. " " | Thomas Bird Harris, | Portugal. |
| " " " | A. A. Stevenson, | Brazil. |
| " " " | Henry Macpherson, | Uruguay. |

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24th JUNE, 1867.

| LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | Initiations. | Passings. | Raisings. | Joinings. | Withdrawals. | Died. | Susp. N.P.D. | Susp. U.M.C. | Expelled. | Restored. | Members. |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| —Antiquity Lodge... | Montreal | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | 1 | 52 |
| 1 *Prevost | Dunham | 5 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 88 |
| 2 Niagara | Niagara | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 32 |
| 3 St. John's | Kingston | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 128 |
| 4 *Dorchester | St. Johns | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 23 |
| 5 Sussex | Brockville | 7 | 7 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 64 |
| 6 Barton | Hamilton | 8 | 6 | 4 | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 89 |
| 7 Union | Grimsby | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 35 |
| 8 Nelson | Phillipsburgh | 8 | 9 | 9 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 44 |
| 9 Union | Napanee | 10 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | .. | 8 | .. | .. | 2 | 49 |
| 10 Norfolk | Simcoe | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 50 |
| 11 Moira | Belleville | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 36 |
| 12 Golden Rule | Stanstead | 11 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 108 |
| 14 *True Britons | Perth | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | .. | 5 | 19 |
| 15 St. George's | St. Catharines | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | 11 | 4 | 46 |
| 16 St. Andrew's | Toronto | 19 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 82 |
| 17 St. John's | Cobourg | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| 18 Prince Edward's | Pictou | 11 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 9 | .. | .. | 4 | 72 |
| 19 St. George's | Montreal | 9 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | .. | 9 | 1 | .. | .. | 66 |
| 20 St. John's | London | 15 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 51 |
| 21 *Zetland | Montreal | 17 | 16 | 17 | .. | 6 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 54 |
| 22 King Solomon's | Toronto | 21 | 20 | 13 | 5 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 120 |
| 23 *Richmond | Richmond Hill | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| 24 *St. Francis | Smith's Falls | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| 25 *Ionic | Toronto | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 41 |
| 26 Ontario | Port Hope | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 29 |
| 27 Strict Observance | Hamilton | 7 | 4 | 6 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 58 |
| 28 Mount Zion | Kemptville | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 45 |
| 29 *United | Brighton | 3 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 22 |
| 30 Composite | Whitby | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | 4 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 37 |
| 31 Jerusalem | Bowmanville | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| 32 Amity | Dunnville | 8 | 10 | 8 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 74 |
| 34 *Thistle | Amherstburg | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 42 |
| 35 St. John's | Cayuga | 4 | 6 | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 30 |
| 36 *Welland | Fonthill | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 45 |
| 37 King Hiram | Ingersoll | 8 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 44 |
| 38 Trent | Trenton | 7 | 7 | 7 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| 39 *Mount Zion | Brooklin | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 34 |
| 40 St. John's | Hamilton | 20 | 21 | 17 | 3 | 16 | 1 | 7 | .. | .. | 1 | 85 |
| 41 St. George's | Kingsville | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 59 |
| 42 St. George's | London | 8 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 59 |
| 43 King Solomon's | Woodstock | 9 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 59 |
| 44 St. Thomas | St. Thomas | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 45 Brant | Brantford | 6 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 69 |
| 46 Wellington | Chatham | 5 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 58 |
| 47 Great Western | Windsor | 10 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 60 |
| 48 *Madoc | Madoc | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 33 |
| 49 Harington | Quebec | 9 | 9 | 8 | .. | 12 | .. | 8 | .. | .. | 2 | 44 |
| 50 *Consecon | Consecon | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 39 |
| 51 Corinthian | Grahamville | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 |
| 53 Shefford | Waterloo | 11 | 9 | 8 | .. | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 53 |
| 54 Vaughan | Maple | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 39 |
| 55 *Mirickville | Mirickville | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 |
| 56 Victoria | Sarnia | 17 | 19 | 18 | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 80 |
| 57 *Harmony | Binbrook | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| 58 Doric | Ottawa | 14 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 10 | .. | .. | 2 | 80 |
| 59 Corinthian | Ottawa | 6 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 52 |
| 60 *Hoyle | LaColle | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| 61 Acacia | Hamilton | 10 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 39 |
| 62 St. Andrew's | Caledonia | 10 | 6 | 5 | .. | 6 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 61 |
| 64 Kilwinning | London | 6 | 4 | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 43 |
| 66 Durham | Newcastle | 9 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |

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| 67 St. Francis | Richmond | 6 | 3 | .. | 1 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 43 |
| 68 St. John's | Ingersoll | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 47 |
| 69 Stirling | Stirling | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 18 |
| 71 Victoria | Sherbrooke | 7 | 8 | 9 | 5 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 63 |
| 72 Alma | Galt | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 58 |
| 73 St. James | St. Mary's | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| 74 St. James | Maitland | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
| 75 St. John's | Toronto | 25 | 25 | 22 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 7 | .. | .. | 2 | 101 |
| 76 Oxford | Woodstock | 5 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 40 |
| 77 +Faithful Brethren | Lindsay | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8 |
| 78 King Hiram | Tilsonburg | 7 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 42 |
| 79 Simcoe | Bradford | 4 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 |
| 80 *Albion | Newbury | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 33 |
| 81 St. John's | Deleware | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 48 |
| 82 St. John's | Paris | 5 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 28 |
| 83 *Beaver | Strathroy | 9 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 45 |
| 84 *Clinton | Clinton | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 21 |
| 85 *Rising Sun | Farmersville | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| 86 Wilson | Toronto | 23 | 20 | 17 | 7 | 9 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 69 |
| 87 Markham Union | Markham | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 |
| 88 St. George's | Owen Sound | 7 | 8 | 7 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
| 90 Manito | Collingwood | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 48 |
| 91 *Colborne | Colborne | 10 | 10 | 9 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 |
| 92 Cataraqui | Kingston | 6 | 5 | 9 | .. | 7 | 1 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | 61 |
| 93 Northern Light | Kincardine | 4 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 32 |
| 94 *St. Mark's | Port Stanley | 5 | 4 | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 32 |
| 95 *Ridout | Otterville | 6 | 6 | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 22 |
| 96 Corinthian | Barrie | 9 | 9 | 5 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 39 |
| 97 Sharon | Sharon | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 |
| 98 True Blue | Albion | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18 |
| 99 *Tuscan | Newmarket | 4 | 5 | 6 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 34 |
| 100 Valley | Dundas | 5 | 5 | 4 | .. | 2 | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
| 101 Corinthian | Peterboro | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 21 |
| 103 Maple Leaf | St. Catharines | 15 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 77 |
| 104 St. John's | Norwichville | 3 | 4 | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 |
| 105 St. Mark's | Drummondville | 15 | 15 | 15 | 2 | 24 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 47 |
| 106 Burford | Burford | 5 | 8 | 8 | .. | .. | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 24 |
| 107 St. Paul's | Lambeth | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 27 |
| 108 Blenheim | Drumbo | 2 | 3 | 3 | .. | 6 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 28 |
| 109 Albion | Harrowsmith | 5 | 3 | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 22 |
| 110 Central | Prescott | 19 | 14 | 11 | 6 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 61 |
| 112 Maitland | Goderich | 12 | 12 | 12 | .. | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52 |
| 113 *Wilson | Waterford | 14 | 10 | 9 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 37 |
| 114 +Hope | Port Hope | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 |
| 115 *Ivy | Smithville | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| 116 Cassia | Widder | 9 | 9 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 31 |
| 117 Stanbridge | Stanbridge | 6 | 9 | 8 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 65 |
| 118 Union | Lloydtown | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22 |
| 119 +Maple Leaf | Bath | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| 120 Warren | Fingal | 7 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 24 |
| 121 Dorie | Brantford | 7 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 69 |
| 122 Renfrew | Renfrew | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 19 |
| 123 The Belleville | Belleville | 9 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 124 Montreal Kilwinning | Montreal | 41 | 21 | 20 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 166 |
| 125 Cornwall | Cornwall | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 |
| 126 *Golden Rule | Campbellsford | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 |
| 127 Frank | Frankford | 4 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| 128 *Pembroke | Pembroke | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 |
| 129 The Rising Sun | Aurora | 4 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
| 130 Yamaska | Granby | 4 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| 131 *St. Lawrence | Southampton | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 14 |
| 133 Lebanon Forest | Franceston | 7 | 7 | 7 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46 |
| 134 Shawencam | Three Rivers | 6 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 |
| 135 St. Clair | Milton | 10 | 9 | 8 | .. | 4 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 39 |
| 136 *Richardson | Stouffville | 2 | 3 | 7 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |

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| 137 Pythagoras | Meaford | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 23 |
| 138 *Aylmer | Aylmer, P. Q. | 23 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 45 |
| 139 Lebanon | Oshawa | 10 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 140 *Malahide | Aylmer, Ont. | 3 | 4 | 4 | .. | 12 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 46 |
| 141 Tudor | Mitchell | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 |
| 142 *Excelsior | Morrisburgh | 8 | 8 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 143 Friendly Brothers.. | Iroquois | 15 | 14 | 12 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 144 Tecumseh | Stratford | 11 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 57 |
| 145 *J. B. Hall | Millbrook | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 |
| 146 Prince of Wales .. | Newburgh | 12 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 147 Mississippi | Almonte | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 24 |
| 148 *Civil Service | Seat of Government.. | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
| 149 *Erie | Port Dover | 8 | 7 | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 33 |
| 150 Hastings | Hastings | 12 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 31 |
| 151 The Grand River .. | Berlin | 7 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 41 |
| 152 Clarenceville | Clarenceville | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22 |
| 153 *Burns | Wyoming | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 47 |
| 154 Irving | Lucan | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| 155 Peterborough | Peterboro' | 9 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 |
| 156 *York | Eglinton | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| 157 †Simpson | Delta | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 |
| 158 Alexandra | Oil Springs | 9 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 159 Goodwood | Richmond, Ont. | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| 160 Quebec Garrison .. | Quebec | 23 | 18 | 18 | 3 | 12 | .. | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 41 |
| 161 Percy | Warkworth | 4 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 23 |
| 162 Forest | Wroxeter | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 |
| 163 Browne | West Farnham | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 |
| 164 Star in the East .. | Wellington | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| 165 Burlington | Wellington Square .. | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22 |
| 166 Wentworth | Stoney Creek | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 29 |
| 167 Royal Albert | Montreal | 15 | 14 | 11 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 45 |
| 168 Merritt | Welland | 9 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 31 |
| 169 Macnab | Port Colborne | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 |
| 170 Britannia | Seaforth | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
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